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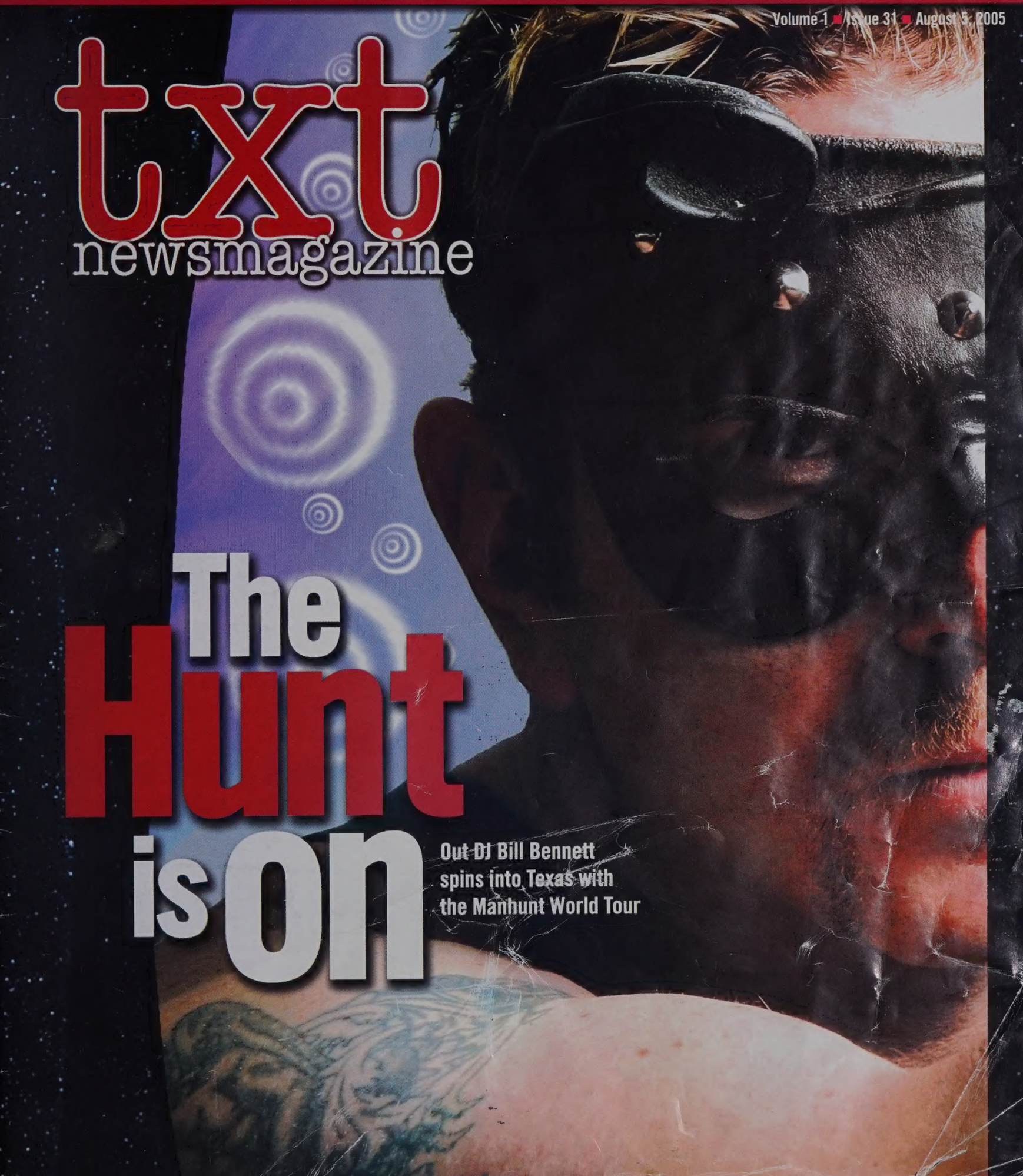

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## AIDS hospice getting ambitious rebuild

The AIDS hospice operated by Project Transitions, called Doug's House, is being renovated thanks to Main Street Homes. Doug's House was scheduled to undergo remodeling project in February, but Steve and Michelle Bartholomew of Main Street Homes stepped in with more ambitious plans for a rebuild, which their company is carrying out.

Established in 1989, the five-bedroom hospice is the only hospice in Central Texas that provides around-the-clock residential care for people with AIDS.

Donations of money and landscaping essentials — stones, gravel, plants — are needed to support the renovations. Call 512-454-8646.

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## GLBT Night goes Hollywood, diner closes

The Houston GLBT Community Center's monthly GLBT Night dinner has moved to Hollywood Vietnamese & Chinese, located at 2409 Grant St.

GLBT Night at Hollywood is held on the second Tuesday each month. The next gathering is Aug. 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will feature a representative from Theatre Under the Stars, discussing its social group for GLBT musical-theater fans and its new season.

GLBT Night was previously held at Montrose Diner, which closed last week.

## PFLAG's August meeting to offer 'TLC' tips

The initials "TLC" ordinarily refer to "tender loving care." But at this month's PLAG Houston meeting, titled "Parents' Coming Out with TLC + O," the initials stand for "T-shirts, lobbying/letters and conversations." The "O" represents "opportunity." Panelists scheduled to speak include Sue Null, Rosemary Cloud and Bill Taylor.

The group meets Aug. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 S. Main St.

## Caucus offers anti-amendment opportunities

The Houston GLBT Political Caucus will hold a Community Work Day on Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Houston Equal Rights Alliance's voter ID team will discuss the campaign to fight the anti-gay-marriage amendment. Leaders will be available to answer questions from potential volunteers.

The Community Work Day will be held at the Houston GLBT Community Center, located at 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207.

## Futures organizers release 'Gay Agenda'

Nearly 75 community leaders convened in June for the Futures Conference, addressing the needs of Houston's GLBT community. The fruit of that labor, titled *The Gay Agenda,* has been published and will soon be available online at Pridehouston.org and Ghglcc.org, according Phyllis Frye, a coordinator.

Weighing in at 90 pages, with 54 items organized into 10 chapters, *The Gay Agenda* discusses gay families, problems of gay youth and the elderly, medical needs, safe schools, employment and homelessness, social and athletic events, and other concerns.

SAN ANTONIO

## Couple to lead local Soulforce chapter

Soulforce, an interfaith organization that challenges religious policies and teachings against GLBT people, has established a chapter in San Antonio. Daniel Graney and Roberto Flores, who have been together for 31 years, will lead the group. The couple attended the national Soulforce action against Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family headquarters held in early May in Colorado Springs.

"It is essential that LGBT people and their straight allies from every faith background stand firm against the untruths that are being told about us by those on the religious right," Graney said.

The group plans to meet monthly and this autumn will hold a training session on nonviolent protest.

# Key pro-amendment leader is impressed with gays' organizing

## Eagle Forum's Adams says amendment's opponents 'definitely have a head start'

**By David Webb**
Staff Correspondent

The campaign built by opponents of a proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and civil unions in Texas has apparently impressed the other side.

Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum, said supporters have not

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organized or started raising money.

"I have been very impressed by the speedy way that the opponents of this have organized," Adams said. "Definitely, they have a head start."

Patti Fink, a Dallas resident who is a member of the leadership of No Nonsense in November, as the anti-amendment effort is titled, said cash and support are pouring in. About 100 people attended a reception last weekend for former State Representative Glen Maxey, who is heading up No Nonsense in November effort. Attendees donated about $6,000, she said.

"There is so much energy. People are really understanding how important it is that we fight this right now," Fink said.

The campaign will include block walking, phone banks and direct mail, she added.

Reed Bogle, a director of Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, one of the groups sponsoring the anti-amendment campaign, has been hired to coordinate the effort in Dallas.

Bogle said the only people who are fully aware of the ballot measure are the "fundamentalilsts and us."

"The soccer moms don't know what is on the ballot," Bogle added. "When you tell them this is what they did instead of fixing education, they just hit the roof."

Harryette Ehrhardt, a former state representative and another leader of the Dallas team, said she believes the amendment can be defeated, although similar ballot measures have passed, most by wide margins, in every state where voters have considered them.

"We have learned a great deal from

Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum, said leaders of the pro-amendment effort will begin organizing after school starts.

other states," she said. "I actually expect us to be very successful."

Adams, whose group also opposes gay men and lesbians adopting children or serving as foster parents, said she is uncertain how the referendum will fare.

"I think until the voters go to the polls there is no way of knowing," she said.

Supporters of the amendment will begin organizing their campaign after school starts, Adams said.

The election is scheduled Nov. 8.

# Ex-congressman Bell to seek Texas governor's job

## Former congressman opposes gay marriage but plans to fight amendment, he says

**By David Webb**
Staff Correspondent

Chris Bell, a former congressman and City Council member from Houston, announced this week that he would seek the governor's office in next year's election.

The Democrat said he he favored civil unions. But he balked over same-sex marriage.

"I don't support gay marriage," Bell said during a telephone interview.

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Nonetheless, he plans to battle Proposition 14, a proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution banning same-sex marriage and civil unions.

Bell said he opposed the amendment because it bans civil unions and because it's unnecessary. Texas already has a law that bans gay marriages and blocks the state from recognizing those conducted in other states, he said.

"This whole idea about 'liberal courts' undoing it is a complete farce, as all of us know," Bell said.

Although he refuses to put gay couples on a par with straight couples, Bell

Chris Bell, a Democratic candidate for governor, says he is opposed to gay marriage but supports same-sex civil unions.

said same-sex partners deserve some form of legal protection and recognition.

"In terms of civil unions, I think most people can understand why there needs to be legal protection for folks living in same-sex relationships," the former journalist said. "I'm glad that we've made progress in that area in that a lot of people are waking up to that need."

Bell added that he supports the passage of state legislation outlawing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He also said he would fight any attempt to change state law or policy intended to bar gays from serving as foster or adoptive parents.

Bell spent the last six months traveling around the state to meet voters and determine whether he would be a viable candidate.

"I saw that there was a great deal of frustration about the current leadership," Bell said.

He said he also wanted to determine whether the state's Democrats Party was ready for this kind of fight.

"It is my feeling that it is," Bell said.

Governor Perry's campaign spokesman, Luis Saenz, said the incumbent governor was the best candidate for Texas.

"He has a proven record of conservative leadership," Saenz said. Perry will advocate for passage of the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and civil unions Saenz added.

Bell said he hopes that gay marriage will not dominate the 2006 elections as it did in 2004, because the resulting debate was divisive. The issue allowed Republicans to "drive wedges" among voters, he said.

"I think it is very important that you crawl before you walk," Bell said. "The

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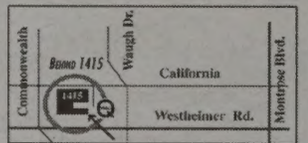




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gay marriage issue has come upon people when folks aren't really ready to discuss it, for the most part."

Bell said he realizes that he faces a tough fight if he wins the Democratic primary in March.

"It's a tough road, and you know that going in," Bell said. "But as one of the political experts here says, it's a long shot worth taking."

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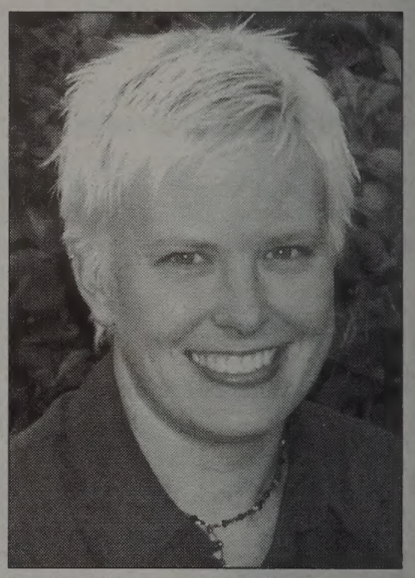
# Gephardt, 2 local women receive Extra Mile Awards

## Knight, Lopez cited for their contributions at Uncommon Legacy awards brunch Sunday

**By Joshua Cleveland**
Contributing Correspondent


Chrissy Gephardt represented her father, U.S. Representative Dick Gephardt, in the GLBT community during his failed 2004 presidential bid. She will speak at Sunday's brunch and receive an award.

The newly re-organized Uncommon Legacy Houston will host the Extra Mile Awards Brunch and Silent Auction on Sunday at Intercontinental Hotel, honoring two women for their contributions to GLBT Houston. This year's honorees are Shirley Knight and Jani Lopez.

"I always imagined something like this happening to me, but not until I was 50," Lopez said. "This sort of award is generally given to people who have spent a great deal of time working in the community."

Lopez will be recognized for her work and participation in Houston's GLBT Pride Parade with her employer, Shell Oil, every year. She also works with the Houston chapter of the Human Rights Campaign.

Lopez said her biggest immediate challenge is helping to defeat Proposition 14 on the November ballot. The measure would amend the Texas Constitution to ban same-sex marriage and civil unions.

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"I want to find some way to bring every organization I work for together to beat this marriage amendment," she said.

The brunch's other local honoree, Shirley Knight, is one of the founders of the Houston Women's Festival and the Athena Art Project. She is responsible for many community events including comedy shows, speed dating, and a wine-tasting social. She has been involved with the Houston Women's Flag Football Team for eight years, and she participaptes in many other organizations. Knight was unavailable for comment.

> *'I always imagined something like this happening to me, but not until I was 50.'*
> — Extra Mile Award winner Jani Lopez

Uncommon Legacy will also welcome the national gay activist Chrissy Gephardt, who will speak at the awards brunch. Gephardt gained national attention during the 2004 Democratic presidential primary as the daughter of United States Representative Dick Gephardt. As an activist, Chrissy Gephardt reaches out to students of all ages, campaigning for equal rights and encouraging voters to vote.

Chrissy Gephardt will also be honored on Saturday for her work to advance equal rights.

Proceeds from the annual brunch and silent auction will benefit the Uncommon Legacy Houston College Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $75 a person.

Until recently, An Uncommon Legacy Houston was directed by a national foundation, now dissolved because of a lack of money.

"All the money we raise stays in Houston," Lois Meyer, a spokeswoman for Uncommon Legacy, said. Meyer explained that the reorganization made Uncommon Legacy Houston an independent organization with no ties to a national group.

"Women in this community have the desire in their hearts to volunteer and to give back to this community," said Maria Perez, director of the group's mentoring program. "I want to provide them an opportunity to develop their leadership, communication, team building skills to match the desire in their hearts."

Meyer said, "We will continue to recognize lesbian women who make a difference in the community."

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# California justices rule gay partners must be treated as if married

## Lesbians' suit over golf club membership results in greater equality for same-sex couples

**By Ann Rostow**
Senior Staff Writer

On Monday, the California Supreme Court instructed all commercial entities in the state to treat registered domestic partners on a par with married couples.

The ruling reflects an underreported development in California: the gradual expansion of the state's domestic partner registry by the Legislature over the last five years.

In its current version, passed in 2003 and effective last January, California grants to registered partners virtually all the rights of marriage under state control.

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As such, gay couples in the Golden State enjoy the same status as civil union partners in Vermont, albeit under the ambiguous term "domestic partners." Because that expression has been used as a catchall, covering a range of programs — many falling way short of marriage — the status of California couples has not attracted the attention it might have.

With its ruling, the California Supreme Court made clear that the parallel institutions of marriage and registered partnership are now indistinguishable as far as state civil rights law is concerned. The decision came in the case of a 48-year-old San Diego woman who sued her golf club for partner membership benefits.

Unlike married members of the Bernardo Heights Country Club, B. Birgit Koebke had been obliged to use guest passes and pay green fees every time her partner, Kendall French, wanted to join her on the course. By contrast, the club offered free use of its facilities to spouses and minor children of members.

Koebke asked the club to include French as a spouse back in 1995, when the two women became partners. But the club's managers balked, and eventually Koebke filed suit with the help of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Koebke argued that the club was guilty of marital status discrimination, and that such discrimination violated the state's wide ranging Unruh Civil Rights Act. A lower court, backed by a state appellate court, disagreed, ruling that the Unruh Act does not extend to marital status discrimination.

To make a long opinion short, the state Supreme Court agreed in principle with the lower rulings. An enterprise may indeed dis-

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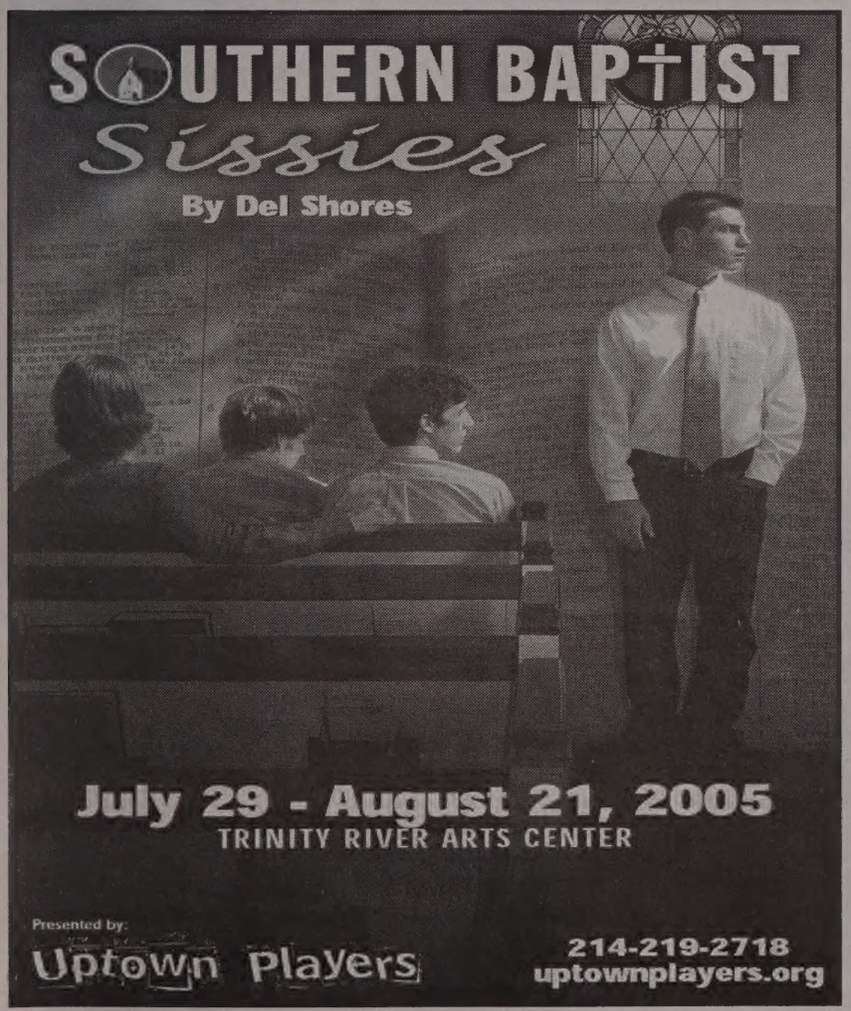
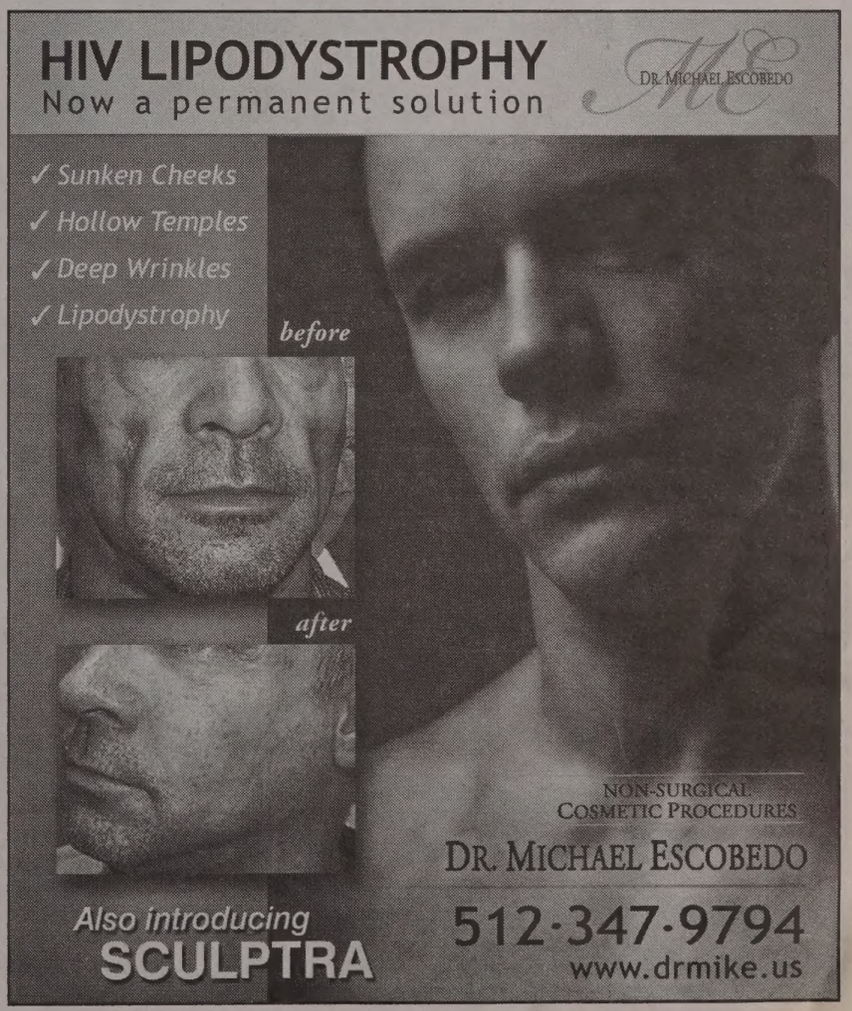
**HAPPY ENDING** B. Birgit Koebke pitches to a practice green at Bernardo Heights Country Club in San Diego as her domestic partner, Kendall French, watches. The California Supreme Court ruled Monday, in a suit the women filed against the Bernardo Heights Country Club, that commercial entities must treat domestic partners the same as married couples.

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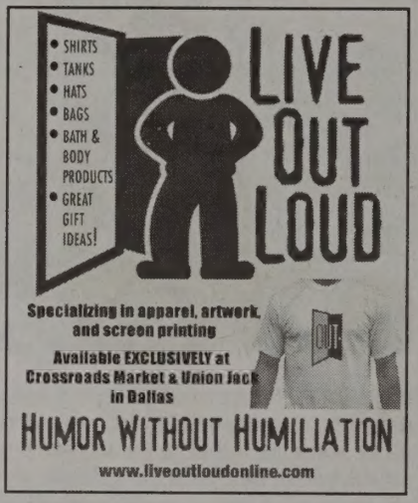


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criminate on the basis of marital status if there is a legitimate business reason for doing so, the justices wrote. However, the unanimous court went on to rule that there could be no such legitimate reason under the Unruh Act for discriminating between a married couple and two registered domestic partners. Unmarried couples, whether gay or straight, can be classified separately, whether on a question of insurance, car rental, or other business offers. But given the scope of the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act of 2003, there is no longer a legally viable reason to have one set of rules for married couples and another for registered partners. The court cited the legislative record as proof that California's public policy now lies squarely behind the concept of equal rights for gay and lesbian couples.

The decision, solidifying as it does the marriage-like rights of some 27,000 registered partners in the state, adds another dimension to the complicated civil rights battleground in California.

Same-sex marriage is currently in play in three contexts: the Legislature, the courts, and the citizens' initiative process.

In the Legislature, a bill to legalize same-sex marriage is pending in the Senate, which will reconvene in a few weeks.

In the courts, a coordinated series of freedom-to-marry lawsuits are now before a state appellate court. But the attorney general and the gay rights lawyers involved in those cases have asked the state Supreme Court to take immediate review of the litigation. The justices have not yet agreed, but are expected to respond fairly soon.

Finally, petitions for two separate proposals to outlaw same-sex marriage via the state constitution have been approved for circulation. Both campaigns aim to put a ballot measure to voters in next June's primary.

One legal analyst, University of Santa Clara Law Professor Gerald Uelmen, told the *L.A. Times* that Monday's ruling could muddy the waters of the pending court case. According to Uelmen, when the Supreme Court is eventually faced with the question of marriage rights, they might point to their own opinion in the golf course case as proof that registered gay couples are no longer unequal to their married counterparts, and that the state has already extended all the rights of marriage under its control to same-sex unions.

It would then be up to GLBT advocates to make the case that separate is never equal, and that marriage itself carries intangible qualities that the most generous domestic partner registry can never match.

"At the end of the day, our clients are still left as second class citizens because they are barred from the right that would have eliminated the need for this case in the first place — the right to marry," said John Davidson, Lambda's legal director. "We won an important battle today, but we need to continue to fight the fight."

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# National Newsbriefs

FLORIDA

## Mourners blame media for death

MIAMI — A block-long line of mourners waited Sunday to pay final respects to a former commissioner who shot himself to death in the lobby of *The Miami Herald* building.

Arthur Teele Jr., 59, known as one of the first influential black Republicans in Miami, shot himself July 27, the same day another newspaper published lurid accusations against him, and the day the *Miami Herald*'s online edition published an article, largely based on police reports, that detailed Teele's same-sex affairs and his contacts with alleged drug dealers.

Hours after Teele's death, the *Herald* fired columnist Jim DeFede for secretly taping a phone conversation with him — a possible violation of state law.

Mourners blamed the media for Teele's suicide. "He was convicted without a trial. The media was the judge and jury," mourner Nerissa Cannon said.

IDAHO

## Convictions upheld in protest

BOISE — An Idaho judge has upheld a jury's 2004 conviction of protesters who were arrested for trying to interfere with the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from a Boise city park. The ruling by 4th District Judge D. Duff McKee on Monday comes just over a year after 13 conservative Christian activists were arrested and charged with obstructing police officers during a demonstration to halt the moving of the 40-year-old monument to the grounds of an Episcopal cathedral.

Some of the defendants said they would appeal,

NEBRASKA

## State: pay lawyers fighting ban

LINCOLN — The state of Nebraska has been ordered by a federal judge to pay $156,960 in attorney fees to lawyers who are fighting the state's gay marriage ban. But the fees will not have to be paid until all appeals in the case are finalized.

The judge in May ruled that Nebraska's five-year-old gay marriage ban was too broad and deprived gays and lesbians of participation in the political process. Nebraska's ban went beyond gay marriage, making illegal any legal arrangement between people of the same sex. The ruling against the amendment has been appealed by the state to the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit.

WASHINGTON STATE

## Council takes over probe

SPOKANE — After a panel of legal experts resigned, the Spokane City Council voted to take over an investigation into allegations of sexual misconduct and abuse of power against Mayor James. E. West. The vote came after the fifth and final member of an independent commission resigned Monday, saying "Spokane continues to burn while the mayor fiddles."

The council will hire a qualified person to review whether the mayor's hiring practices and use of e-mail to seek sex violated city policies. West has denied any illegality.

Council president Dennis Hession said the findings will have little effect, since the mayor can only be removed from office thorugh a recall. But he added the the review is important for the sake of public confidence.

# Everything's coming up gay roses — mostly

## Time is not on our side

Good morning, readers. I estimate that I have approximately 95 minutes before my colleagues start wondering where the hell this column is, and further calculation suggests I must write just over twelve words per minute in order to meet, what we call in the business, the "drop-dead deadline." Sure, it would have been easier to do this yesterday, but let's just say it's not in my personality to take the less-traveled road. Instead, I follow in the proud tradition of my fellow hacks, serving up whatever emerges from the pressure cooker that is the impending press run.

Ann Rostow

This morning, we will turn coals into diamonds of glittering GLBT news prose under the weight of collapsing time, and my editors will never know that these gems disguise a self-indulgent afternoon of googling and talking on the phone. They will no doubt think I slaved hour upon hour to produce this terse masterpiece of complex reportage. Don't tell them otherwise!

## Bad speaker, no doughnut

First it's back to Oregon, where activists were trying last week to revive the civil unions bill in the house, after the evildoer GOP speaker, Karen Minnis, consigned it to oblivion the previous week. But once again, Minnis and company managed to gut the measure. Then, on Tuesday night, Minnis pulled another ugly rabbit out of her black hat, and engineered a rules change to prevent the Democratic lawmakers from bringing the original bill back in the final days of the legislative session. Bottom line? Civil unions in the Beaver State are once again dead for this year.

Do you think "ugly rabbit" is an oxymoron? I do. Rabbits and the other small mammals of the forest are inherently cute. Do you know that some voles mate for life? That piece of information came up in a previous gay news column devoted to wide-ranging topics of common interest. I recall it from years back because I gave it the memorable headline: "Kiss me, you vole."

## It's rainin' initiatives

In California as promised, the conservo-creeps at Voteyesmarriage.com have sued Attorney General Bill Lockyer, after bending themselves into pretzels over the summary and title he issued for their proposed constitutional amendment. The measure is titled: "Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partner Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment," and Lockyer's formal summary notes that the language they hope to smear all over the June 2006 primary ballot would in fact retract dozens of rights and responsibilities now enjoyed by same-sex couples under the state's domestic partner registry. The truth hurts, it seems, and they are agonizing over the "unfair" and "biased" description. Poor things.

Meanwhile, two competing anti-gay ballot proposals from "Protectmarriage.com" have just been cleared for takeoff by Lockyer's office. Unlike the verbose text elaborated by the folks at Voteyesmarriage.com, both of these initiatives are one-sentence long. The more harmful of the two reads: "A marriage between a man and a woman is the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state." The other says "only a man and a woman in a lawful marriage shall have the legal status of married spouses in California." It's a bit perplexing. Maybe the strategy is to throw a ton of shit through the elective fan and hope that some of it sticks in the state constitution.

## Judging Dawn and Kathy

Keep an eye out in a week or so for an interesting ruling from Tulsa and Cherokee Nation Judicial Appeals Tribunal. On Tuesday, the court heard arguments on behalf of two members of the tribe, Dawn McKinley and Kathy Reynolds, who received a marriage license and exchanged vows in a perfectly legitimate process last May. Since Oklahoma recognizes Cherokee marriage licenses, it appeared for a while that the women were legal spouses.

When the couple tried to certify the marriage, a routine process, they were hit with an injunction by a tribal judge. Then, into the picture barged Cherokee attorney Todd Hembree, who sued to have the marriage voided (despite the fact that he does not seem to have legal standing to intervene). The Tribal Council promptly voted to annul the union, and to bar gay marriages explicitly to make sure the specter of same-sex couples formally pledging their lifelong devotion does not rear its offensive head in the future.

McKinley and Reynolds went to court, lost a motion for summary judgment, and are now appealing to the higher tribunal with the help of the ubiquitous National Center for Lesbian Rights.

## A Pollyanna moment

You know, that's just one case. But there are cases and cases and cases out there. Dominos are falling as fast as these sanctimonious prigs can reposition them, not just in terms of marriage and not just in the courts.

One of my stories this week, which I was going to ditch under pressure, involves a swimming club in Pasadena that took one look at the recent California Supreme Court ruling (read National News, why dontcha?) and immediately took action to offer spousal membership fees to domestic partners. "That's the law now, and we're happy to do it," the club's attorney told the *Pasadena Star-News*.

Even our defeats are victories. You should read the editorials throughout the Oregon press, bashing the Legislature for its failure to pass civil unions. Or look at the story out of Southern Georgia, where the region's largest billboard company has refused to post an innocuous ad campaign, called something sweet like "We Are Your Neighbors," from Georgia Equality. The ads, which have been running in the Atlanta area, feature characters like a lesbian doctor or gay firefighter, saying something on the order of "I care for you, and I am gay." We can thank Lamar Advertising, who by rejecting the billboards in rural parts of the state because of the words "gay" and "lesbian," gave the campaign more free positive publicity than it would have garnered on its own.

I could go on. Little cheerful things pop up every week, like the story at the Utah motor vehicles division, where bureaucrats reversed course and approved three gay friendly license plates for a mother of a lesbian daughter who wanted to display her PFLAG sentiments to her fellow roadsters. I didn't understand why she needed three different plates, but what the hell. And we've got two gay mayors in southern California, a temporary lesbian head honcho in San Diego who will serve until early December, and the gay mayor of Chula Vista who spontaneously popped out of the closet during a pride event last week.

## Only in Kansas

Now I'm in such a happy-go-lucky mood that I'm going to skip all the horrific news from Iran and Nigeria about executing young gay men, and end my column on an upbeat item sent to me by my unofficial editorial assistant, Armand in L.A. This week, Armand informs us that a woman in Lake Saint Louis, Kan., is suing a Denny's franchise after burning her buttocks on the toilet.

KELLEY KERR / Tulsa World

Look soon for a ruling from the Cherokee Nation Judicial Appeals Tribunal in the case of Dawn McKinley, left, and Kathy Reynolds. The pair, shown with their Cherokee Nation marriage certificate in hand, are still battling for tribal recognition of their union.

Kathlene Williams allegedly sat on a cuastic compound of cleaning fluid, and, her lawyer says, she is now in constant pain, the AP reports.

"Ann," Armand writes in a personal note, "there are some that might think that the woman has a bad-ass attitude. The bottom line to Denny's is: You can feed that woman, but leave her ass alone!"

OK, OK. It's not funny. It's the best Armand and I can do for the time being.

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# Letters

## Roberts' shameful record

As a corporate lawyer, Supreme Court nominee John Roberts fought to gut the Americans with Disabilities Act, denying lawful accommodation for workers injured over time as part of their job. And everone knows how important the act has been for people with AIDS, especially after the Supreme Court bolstered the Act in 1998, ruling that people with HIV and no symptoms were covered by the law's protections.

Roberts helped a major car manufacturer avoid a recall when their seat belts were found to violate federal safety standards. He argued for the National Mining Association to overturn a ruling that restricted mountain top removal practices devastating to Appalachian communities.

In his brief tenure as a judge, he argued for a very limited view of congressional authority to regulate corporate excess that could threaten broad swaths of environmental protections, workers rights, and anti-discrimination laws. He argued to the Supreme Court that *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned. He has ruled in favor of sweeping powers for the commander-in-chief in this state of perpetual war with frightening implications for our civil liberties. He advised Jeb Bush during the Florida recount debacle.

As a lawyer for the Reagan and Bush Sr. White House, he advocated for right wing ideology over free speech, religious liberty and voting rights for minorities. Roberts has been a life long partisan Republican, a claim the *New York Times* calls "indisputable," and has donated thousands of dollars to exclusively Republican candidates.

John Roberts is a candidate whose winning personality disguises intense conservatism, not moderation. It is important to remember that facts of Roberts' record that are already clear were more than sufficient to earn him immediate endorsements on the far right. The more facts that come out about Roberts' record, the clearer the danger he poses to our rights and freedoms.

We are facing the prospect of 30 or 40 years of Roberts on the Supreme Court, and we must apply the highest standard of scrutiny.

**David Berry** / Dallas

## Just the facts

After enduring White House back-pedaling regarding Karl Rove's involvement in the leak of a CIA agent's identity, must we be blindly accepting of White House denials of John Roberts' involvement with the Federalist organization?

I don't want to endorse a smear campaign, but I would like to see all of the facts to be presented, so that I can make up my own mind.

**Jeff Marlatt** / Plano

## Nuptial thanks

Just a quick note to thank you for publishing our wedding announcement in *TXT Newsmagazine* a couple of weeks ago. It was presented well and we received a lot of compliments from people in the gay community. Thanks for taking the time to support your readers.

**Don Nenadal and Glenn Reynolds** / Houston

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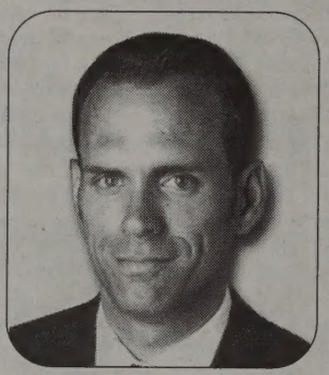
# Abortion rights, gay rights aren't same

## Why John Roberts's confirmation requires a different litmus test



**OUTRIGHT**
**Dale Carpenter**

While gay-rights groups have not yet announced their opposition to the nomination of John Roberts to the United States Supreme Court, the declaration is only a formality.

They will wait until the Senate has conducted hearings and then come out swinging against him. They may be correct to oppose him, but one basis for their likely opposition should be dispelled. Abortion rights are not gay rights. And when it comes to constitutional law, *Lawrence* is not *Roe*.

The reaction to the Roberts nomination of Joe Somonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, was typical. Writing for the online edition of *The Advocate*, Solmonese warned that Roberts "has an extremely disturbing record in opposition to *Roe v. Wade*," the historic 1973 Supreme Court decision announcing a constitutional right to abortion. Indeed, since Roberts has no track record on gay-rights issues, abortion has become *the* litmus test for gay groups.

Yet abortion is not a gay issue, in practice or in principle. In practice, gay couples are the least likely to produce unwanted pregnancies. Procreation for gay couples typically involves months of planning and thousands of dollars in investment, requiring the use of sophisticated reproductive technology or the cooperation of a surrogate parent. "Oops babies" are simply not a phenomenon common to gay life. Gays thus have less practical need for the option of abortion than do heterosexuals.

Yes, a gay woman could become pregnant through rape or consensual heterosexual sex. She might then want an abortion. But this no more makes abortion a "gay" issue than the fact that gay people die in plane crashes makes aviation-safety regulation a gay issue.

Why, then, do gay groups make abortion a test of a politician's or a judicial nominee's commitment to gay rights? One answer is that there's a demonstrated correlation in polling between opposition to abortion and opposition to gay equality. When a person is silent on gay issues, as Roberts has been, the next best indicator of his likely views is his stand on abortion.

But gay-rights groups go farther than this, insisting that there's a connection *in principle* between abortion rights and gay rights. That supposed principle is the right to privacy. "The privacy rights decided in *Roe* were at the core of the landmark *Lawrence v. Texas* sodomy case," Solmonese argues, referring to the 2003 decision in which the Supreme Court declared sodomy laws unconstitutional.

This is wrong. True, the constitutional right to privacy underlies both *Roe* and *Lawrence*. But the mere fact that both opinions spring from the same root does not mean the loss of one will erode the other.

For starters, it's remarkable how little the decision in *Lawrence* relies on *Roe*. The *Lawrence* opinion called on earlier privacy precedents and other authorities but mentioned *Roe* only sparingly. The reason: Even for many liberal scholars, the reasoning of *Roe* is an embarrassment.

As a matter of both the individual and societal interests at stake, *Roe* presents a much weaker case for privacy protection than does *Lawrence*.

First, the individual's privacy interest in abortion is weaker. Both abortion and sex involve things that are deeply personal to people and so implicate what some theorists call "decisional privacy." But there the similarity ends. Abortions are performed outside the home, often involve payment to state-licensed medical professionals and always destroy an unwilling third party (the unborn child). Sex, as constitutionally protected, is typically done in the home, involves no commercial exchange and imposes on no unwilling third party. Sex is a classically "private" activity in a way that abortion is not.

Second, the state's interest in regulation is much stronger in the case of abortion than in the case of sodomy. Every abortion kills an unborn child who has no choice in the matter and who is, at the very least, a potential human life. By contrast, the state of Texas in *Lawrence* could not come up with a single reason for prohibiting homosexual sodomy except "morality."

Abortion is always killing. Sex is often loving.

Just about everybody gets the distinction, including opponents of gay equality. Much as opponents may disagree with *Lawrence*, they will not be organizing annual marches, or mass protests at its anniversary 30 years hence, as they do now against *Roe*. At least the "sodomites," they reason, are not killing others.

To resolve both the policy and constitutional matter of abortion, we must weigh the autonomy interests of the individual woman and we must analyze the moral and legal status of the unborn child. Is it life, entitled to all the rights of a person? Or is it just growth matter inhabiting a woman's body, which she may dispose of at will? Or is it something in between?

These are complicated questions invovling biology, medicine, religion and morality. I have not answered them to my own satisfaction.

But I am quite sure the answers do not depend on anything intrinsic to the case for gay rights.

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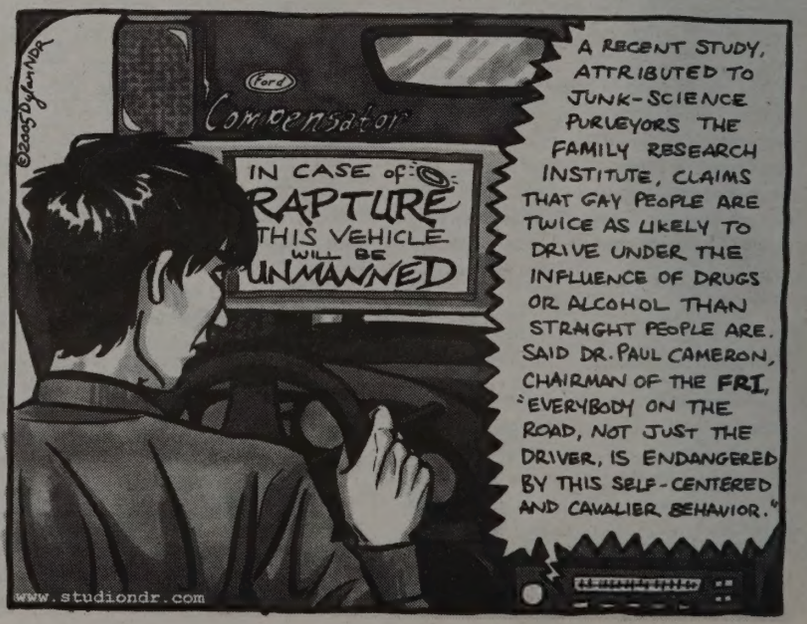
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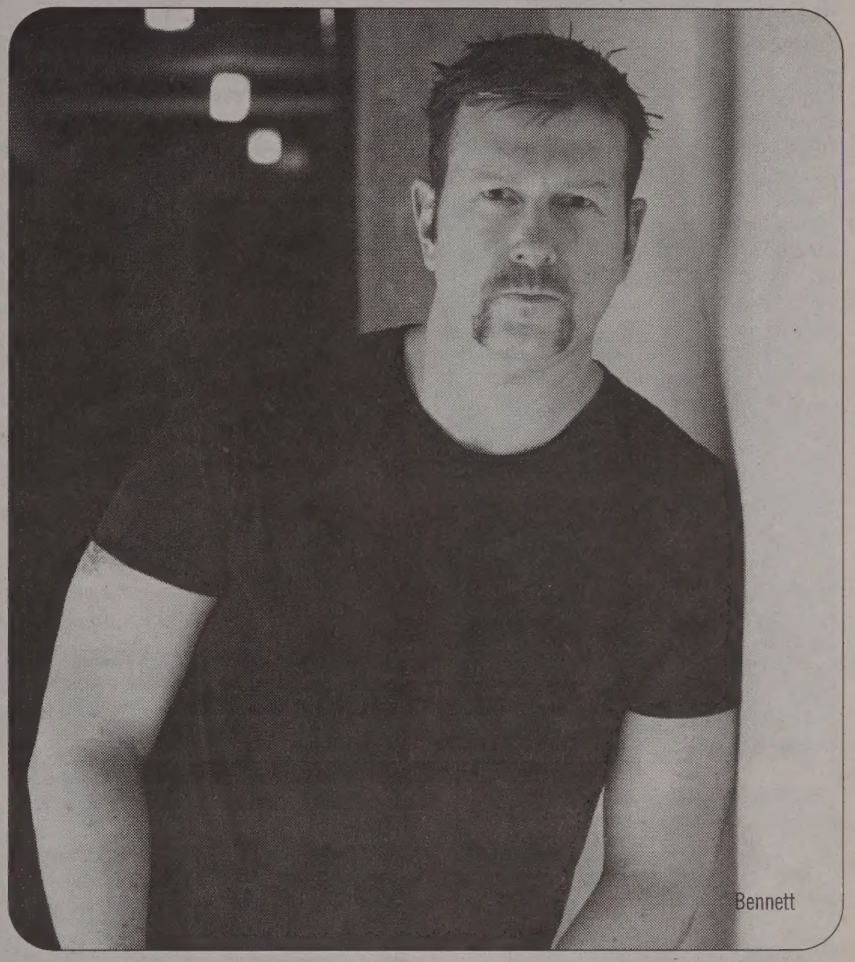
# Loaded for bear

## Out D.J. Bill Bennett spins into Texas with the Manhunt Tour

By Scott Huffman


Bennett

"I wanted to create a dance event with a twist," says Seattle resident and out circuit D.J. Bill Bennett.

Bennett is describing the Manhunt Tour, a traveling show filled with dazzling lights, powerful video images and 1980s-oriented dance mixes that the seemingly tireless mix master developed over the last six months.

This weekend, Bennett unleashes his spectacular roadshow in Dallas and San Antonio.

Bennett hopes that the tour, which is sponsored by the Web site Manhunt.net, might help to reinvent shows of this kind.

"I think circuit parties as they have traditionally existed are done," Bennett says. "If I have to hear another diva belting out a song, I'll slit my wrists. My idea was to create a circuit party that feels more like a rock concert."

Bennett designed the show in consultation with Manhunt.net. In its early stages, he dreamed of a raised center stage for the D.J., live drummers and guitarists, jumbo video screens and a troupe of costumed dancers.

The final production, while more modestly designed and budgeted, remained similar to his early vision. One important aspect he managed to retain was his longtime goal of enlisting Dustin Robertson — the acclaimed A-list director of music videos for pop superstars like Madonna, Jennifer Lopez and Janet Jackson — to produce the tour's video imagery.

"I told him what I wanted and he said it would cost a million dollars," Bennett recalls. "But he believed in the concept and agreed to work with me. He did all the visuals — incredible, powerful visuals — for next to nothing."

Calling it "circuit rock," Bennett describes the musical style of the Manhunt Tour as a compelling fusion of electronica, dance anthems, progressive house and 1980s rock-and-roll. Much of the music was custom remixed by Bennett himself.

"I've been really bored with dance music over the last few years," he says. "Between tours, I didn't listen to much dance music. Instead, I was rediscovering rock. Some of it is brilliant, and I didn't appreciate this stuff when I was younger."

Bennett's self-crafted remixes will also include several new and classic club anthems, like his crowd pleasing version of Madonna's hit single "Frozen," a mix he hopes the superstar will consider using in an upcoming retrospective of her work.

"Some people say that my music is dark, but I definitely disagree," Bennett says. "I really bring a lot of myself into my mixes. I am trying to bring back some of the innocence that I think we are losing."

At the launch of the tour in May, Bennett was both encouraged and relieved by the enthusiastic crowd response. He chose to premiere the show during an International Mr. Leather event at the Chicago House of Blues.

"This show is a risk, and there is a chance that some people just won't get it," Bennett explains. "And I knew if I failed in Chicago, I'd be in trouble."

Bennett eagerly anticipates bringing the tour to Texas where he feels the crowds are discriminating yet open to new ideas.

"In the past, I've had a good response in Texas," he says. "I'm looking forward to proving myself there."

Another of Bennett's passions is educating his crowds about the perils of recreational drug use. As a registered nurse, he has witnessed firsthand the devastating toll that it has taken on the lives of young men, particularly those in the gay community. The muscular, tattooed, leather-wearing D.J. also admits that he wasn't always so clean and sober himself.

"Anyone who knows me from my past can tell you that I have no halo on my head," Bennett says. "I have been in this scene for over 15 years, and I was high for about 10 of them. It wasn't until the past few years that I have started to see things more clearly in regards to drug use."

Bennett has incorporated into his show, via a hard-hitting and at times graphic video montage, the all-too-familiar story of one man's downward spiral — and eventual recovery. He's already received a few e-mail messages from young men who, after attending the show, were motivated to seek help for their addictions — a fact that both pleases and astonishes him.

"My goal was not to change anybody's life," he says, "but to get people thinking."

Ultimately, Bennett would like to see crystal meth eradicate.

"If this drug doesn't eventually kill you, it will change who you are as a person," he warns. "I have seen the most handsome and caring men turn into horrible, ugly, selfish people from its long term use. And I have lost so many friends."

Still, Bennett carries on his mission. "The world has had so many disasters and losses," he says. "I just want to have fun and share my music with people for a few hours in hopes that they will forget their problems for a bit."

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### IN THE CLUB
**Manhunt Tour with D.J. Bill Bennett**

**Station 4**, 3911 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas. Friday. No cover before 11 p.m.; $8 thereafter. 214-559-0650.
**Heat**, 1500 N. Main Ave., San Antonio. Saturday. 210-227-2600.

# Weekly Review

**To submit an event listing** All listings of upcoming GLBT meetings and events and of arts openings should be sent to the managing editor, in the Houston office. They must be received no later than noon on Monday to be included in Friday's newsmagazine. We prefer to receive them earlier. They may be e-mailed to Nancy@txtnewsmag.com, or faxed to 713-529-0327, or mailed to TXT Newsmagazine, 4617 Montrose Blvd., Suite C229, Houston TX 77006.

## Friday, August 5

### AUSTIN

**Emmy award-winning comedian Judy Gold**, through Aug. 6. Capitol City Comedy Club, 8120 Research Blvd. 512-467-2333. Capcitycomedy.com.

**TGIB socials**. Bisexual Network of Austin 7 p.m. 512-370-9573. Main.org/binetaustin.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Yes**, presented by The Magnolia at the Modern and Q Cinema, through Aug. 7. 6 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 2 and 4 p.m. $5.50-$7.50. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215. Themodern.org.

**Free syphilis and oral HIV testing**, 5-9 p.m. Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center, 4012 Cedar Springs Rd. 214-540-4414.

**High Tech Happy Hour**, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fusion, 4334 Lemmon Ave. 214-521-3536. Fusion-restaurant.com.

**Lambda Weekly Radio**, gay and lesbian radio of North Texas, Dallas and Ft. Worth, airs on KNON 89.3FM. 1 p.m. Geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

**Shabbat service**, Congregation Beth El Binah. 8:15 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-521-5342, ext. 1784.

### HOUSTON

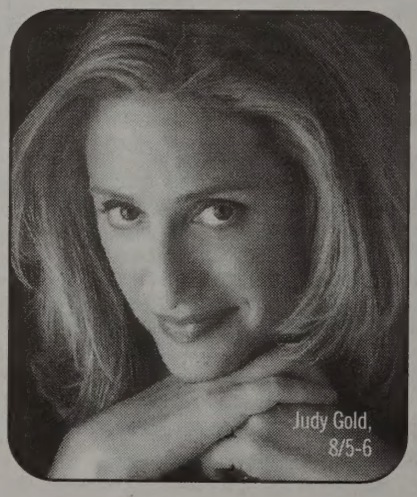
**Montrose Clinic**'s Community Outreach Prevention Services offers free HIV and syphilis testing throughout the week at various clubs. Call 713-830-3070 for schedule. Montroseclinic.org.

**Psycho Beach Party**, presented by ICOH: Space City Empire. 8 p.m. Benefits Camp Hope and Lexy Bowen Community Fund. E/J's, 2517 Ralph St. 713-527-9071. Ejsbar.com.

**Red, White and Tuna**, starring Joe Sears and Jaston Williams, through Aug. 6. 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 and 8 p.m. $35-$38. Crighton Theatre, 234 N. Main in Conroe. 1-936-441-7469, ext. 201.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Marketing and Fundraising Team**, 7-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.



Judy Gold, 8/5-6

## Saturday, August 6

### AUSTIN

**Je T'Aime Moi Non Plus** with an appearance by Joe Dallesandro. presented by aGLIFF, The Alamo Drafthouse and The Austin Film Society. 7 p.m. $10-$12. Alamo Drafthouse Downtown. aGLIFF.org.

**QueerWaves** with Taylor Cage, a weekly showcase of queer music and musicians on 91.7FM KOOP. 4:30 p.m. Koop.org. 512-472-5667.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers Coffee**. 10 a.m. Crossroad's Market, 3930 Cedar Springs Rd.

### HOUSTON

**After Hours**, pre-dawn GLBT radio with an attitude. 1-4 a.m. KPFT 90.1 FM.

**An Evening with Chrissy Gephardt** with special guest, San Antonio City Council Member Elena Guajardo. Presented by Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund at the home of Liz James and April Ayers, 615 Azalea Dell Dr. 6:30-8:30 p.m. $70. Benefits Victory Fund. 202-842-7316. Events@victoryfund.org.

**Back to school beach outing with Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents**. Galveston Pocket Park #3. 1-5 p.m. $5. 409-737-1206. Hglp.org.Montrose Soccer Club practice. 10:30 a.m. Woodrow Wilson School, Fairview and Windsor. Montrosesoccer.org.

## Sunday, August 7

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Lambda Weekly Radio**, gay and lesbian radio of North Texas, Dallas and Ft. Worth, airs on KNON 89.3FM. 1 p.m. Geocities.com/lambdaweekly.

### HOUSTON

**Bike For A Better City** 8 a.m. Meet at Starbucks, W. Gray at Shepherd. Jhubert05@hotmail.com.

**Extra Mile Awards** brunch honors Chrissy Gephardt, Jani Lopez and Shirley Knight, presented by An Uncommon Legacy Houston. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. $70. Benefits AULH college scholarship fund. Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South. Acteva.com/go/extramileawards.

**PFLAG Houston** discusses Parents' Coming Out with TLC + O, with panelists Sue Null, Rosemary Cloud, and Bill Taylor.. 2-4:30 p.m. St. Paul's Methodist Church, 5501 S. Main. 713-46P-FLAG. Pflaghouston.org.

**HATCH** youth group. 6-9 p.m. Call for location, 713-529-3590. Hatchyouth.org.

**Internet Rescue** meet and greet for gay men. 4-7 p.m. Ripcord, 715 Fairview. Montrose Men's Alcoholics Anonymous. 7 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, rear parking lot entrance.

### SAN ANTONIO

**POZ Outlook Social Group**, 4-6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

## Monday, August 8

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

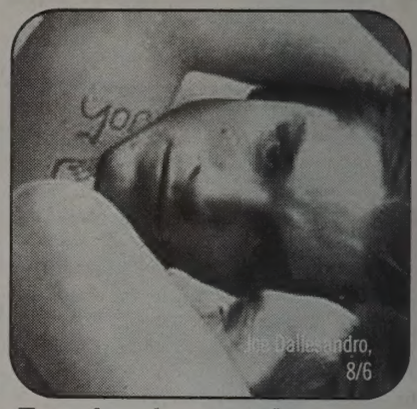
**Leadership Lambda Toastmasters.** 6:30 p.m. Oak Lawn Public Library, 4100 Cedar Springs. 214-219-1908.

### HOUSTON

**Food Addicts In Recovery.** 7-8 p.m. Bering Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St. 713-523-7361. Foodaddictsinrecovery.com.

**Gay Men's Chorus of Houston** rehearsal. 7-10 p.m. Resurrection Metropolitan Church, 2025 W. 11th St. 713-521-SING. Gmch.org.

**Queer Voices**, GLBT radio with Jack Valinski, Deborah Bell and various GLBT co-hosts. 7-9 p.m. KPFT-FM 90.1.



Joe Dallesandro, 8/6

## Tuesday, August 9

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Journey Out** youth group for ages 16-22. 7 p.m. Cathedral of Hope Congregational Life Center, 5910 Cedar Spring.

**Dallas Fort Worth Primetimers Prime Diner**. 6:30 p.m. Café Greek, 12817 Preston Rd. 972-504-8866.

### HOUSTON

**Drag Queen Bingo**, benefiting RSICSS charities. 9 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-710-0268.

**GLBT Night**, presented by Houston GLBT Community Center Hollywood Center, 2409 Grant. 713-523-8808. Houstonglbtcommunitycenter.org.

## Wednesday, August 10

### AUSTIN

**Safe Space**. 7 p.m. University of Texas, Jester West Fireplace Lounge. Demeureguy@yahoo.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Free HIV Testing** with BEAT AIDS. 4-7 p.m. 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

**King Mary's Bridge Club** presents party bridge and free lessons. 6:45 p.m. $4. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 210-223-6106. Kingmary.org.

**Queer as Folk finale**. 6-8 p.m. $5. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

## Thursday, August 11

### AUSTIN

**Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas** volunteer night. 6-9 p.m. Lgrl.org. 512-474-5475.

### DALLAS/FT. WORTH

**Fuse** for young men, ages 18-24. 7:30 p.m. Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 214-540-4410.

### HOUSTON

**Men's Happy Hour.** 7 p.m. Meteor, 2306 Genesee. 713-521-0123.

### SAN ANTONIO

**M2:** A Peer Support Group for Young Men. 6 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

**Women's Support Group** with Sally Chilson, MA, LPCI. 6:30-8 p.m. Diversity Center, 531 San Pedro Ave. 2nd Floor. 210-223-6106. Diversitycentersa.org.

# Filth

By Billy Masters

Disgustingly offensive dirt; garbage; anything grossly indecent or obscene

## Milking publicity for all it's worth

I just booked a flight on American Airlines and was taken aback when told that my confirmation code (presumably generated randomly) was BOIMILK. Could it be that American knows something about my return trip to Los Angeles that I don't? Will I find some "boy milk" at Filth2Go Central?

This leads to our first story. **Silvia Johnson** of Golden, Colo., has admitted that from October 2003 to October 2004, she hosted weekly parties at her home for eight boys (classmates of her daughter). Since she wanted to be considered the "cool mom," Silvia gave the boys alcohol and drugs and let five of them have sex with her.

Am I the only one who feels bad for the other three boys? I can only hope they were playing with each other.

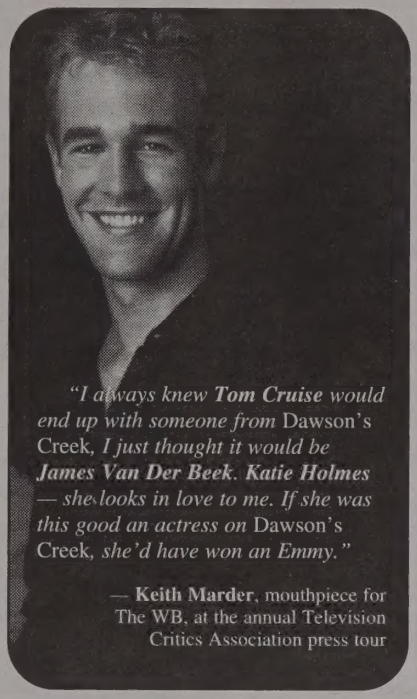
We interrupt this column to bring you a first-hand account of the night **Corey Feldman** saved a life! The date: Friday, July 22. The time: 9:15 p.m. The place: East 13th Street Theatre in New York.

Corey was playing the **Michael Douglas** role in the off-Broadway spoof *Fatal Attraction*. During the climactic fight scene, **Alana McNair** (playing **Glenn Close**'s part) jumps through a breakaway Plexiglas window as she's being "strangled" by Corey. That night, the actor abruptly stopped the show.

Feldman yelled for help from backstage, directing the stage manager to call for the paramedics. Many spectators wondered if this

was part of the play or the real thing. Within moments, the police were on the scene, and I was getting the inside scoop from Corey.

"After she jumped through the window, I could see that Alana had real blood on her forehead. She never broke character, but I looked in her eyes and knew she was about to black out. She was probably trying to make it to the end of the show, but I wasn't taking any chances. Better safe than sorry," he told me. McNair was back on stage the following night.



*"I always knew* ***Tom Cruise*** *would end up with someone from* Dawson's Creek, *I just thought it would be* ***James Van Der Beek. Katie Holmes*** *— she looks in love to me. If she was this good an actress on* Dawson's Creek, *she'd have won an Emmy."*

— **Keith Marder**, mouthpiece for The WB, at the annual Television Critics Association press tour

While I was in sweltering in New York, **Rosie O'Donnell** was cruising the Atlantic on the second annual R Family Vacations cruise. Once again, I was not invited. During the last evening on board, Rosie gave away a two-year lease on a Volvo.

She brought up a family with four foster kids and learned a secret: One of the teenage girls said that she was born into a very religious family, and when she came out to her mother, she was put into foster care. Rosie, visibly moved, vowed that the girl's entire foster family would get free cruises for as long as R Family Vacations is in existence. Let's hope that's a very long time.

I often express some very strong opinions, and not everyone agrees with me. Even fans occasionally take me to task. That's the case with this week's "Ask Billy" question from Victor in Georgia:

"I can't believe you didn't like *Eating Out*. I just got it on DVD and *love* it. I am so hot over **Ryan Carnes**, who was also on *Desperate Housewives*. What can you tell me about him — and can you run a nude photo of him?"

It takes more than a hot naked guy to make me love a movie, and that includes *Eating Out*. I readily admit that the guys are very pretty — and pretty devoid of acting ability. I was pleasantly surprised to see my buddy **Jim Verraros** flex some of his thespian muscles (even if he's hampered with the worst dialogue this side of the Mississippi).

As for Ryan Carnes, no nudes in the magazine, but I'll happily post some peek-a-boo pics on FIith2go.com — they're quite enjoyable. But he's put some distance between himself and *Eating Out*, leading some to speculate that he's worried about being typecast as gay (as if being the "gay gardener" on *DH* didn't do that already). **Ed Baran**, publicist for the movie, commented, "We have been told that [Ryan] won't be doing any publicity. He chatted about his role when the film came out theatrically but I don't believe Ryan is actually gay."

Speaking of people who aren't "actually gay," **Ricky Martin** recently attended the silver jubilee of the Arab Children's Congress and stated, "I promise I will become a spokesperson, if you allow me to, a spokesperson on your behalf. I will defend you and try to get rid of any stereotypes."

Look, don't the Arabs have enough problems as it is? At the time, Ricky was wearing a headscarf given to him by one of the kids that said (in Arabic), "Jerusalem Is Ours." Ricky later apologized, explaining that he had no idea what the scarf said.

I believe him. You know how "we" always like to accessorize. The right scarf can set off an outfit just so.

Could it be that the long-delayed sequel to *Nine to Five* is finally in the works? With **Jane Fonda**'s emergence from premature retirement, tongues have been wagging that she'll join **Dolly Parton** and **Lily Tomlin** in a follow-up to the 1980 hit film. All three gals have said they'd do it if the script is good.

"It should be called *24/7*. We'd like it to happen but we haven't been able to get a script yet," was Fonda's response to the rumors. Dolly was even more to the point: "I've told [the producers] they'd better get on it before they have to call it *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly* because we ain't getting any prettier!"

When I'm trying to figure out which of the *Nine To Five* stars are good, bad and ugly, it's definitely time to end yet another column. That's one thing *Eating Out* has in its favor — no one is ugly.

You can always find me and my filth at Filth2go.com. For your questions, public or private, write to me at Billy@filth2go.com, and I promise to get back to you before Corey goes on tour!

Until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.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# Ask Howard

How to do the wrong thing right

By Howard Lewis Russell

## Howard answers some personal questions

**Dear Howard,**

Are there any kinds of questions that you will not run? I've seen some pretty raw stuff in your column — incest, water sports, necrophilia and a certain famous actor's stunt involving a paper towel tube and a mouse, to name just a few. What's off limits? Anything at all?

***The Grand High Llama of Moral Authority***

It was a gerbil! Yes, there are many questions that I will not even consider running. I do not, under any circumstances, do questions about sexual predation involving child abuse. I don't do questions about racial stereotyping, I don't do religious expression and there are even limits as to how far I will go with hardcore sex questions. (One involving the practice of "felching" comes to mind, which I originally answered, but asked my editor to nix at the last second before it went to print.) I do have my standards.

**Dear Howard,**

I especially liked your answer to a recent question about gay animals. You said that homosexuality is not exclusive to homo sapiens, and why should humans be the only lucky species?

I grew up on an Iowa farm. One time my dad purchased a really good-looking bull that he hoped would improve our small herd of cattle. Unfortunately, the only bovine Petunia had eyes for was the neighbor's steer across the fence, Bruno. Farmers cannot afford to keep a non-working animal, especially an animal who doesn't have to do anything but pleasure heifers and won't do that. Our growing family and close neighbors across the fence soon had a freezer full of gay, pasture-fed beef. Poor Petunia — couldn't he have at least faked it?

***Farmer Jones***

I'm assuming your question is rhetorical. I've got a question for you, though — did Petunia get his pretty name before or after he started making googly eyes at the beefcake across the fence?

**Dear Howard,**

Are you a real person? My friends and I howl over your column every Friday, after work at our favorite watering hole, but we can't decide if you're really flesh-and-blood, or just some corporate hologram, like Aunt Jemima or Betty Crocker. None of us have ever seen you out before. What's the story?

***Eddie and the Cruisers***

*Corporate hologram*? Yeah, that's me. I'm a shimmering, glad-happy invention of TXT Homocorp. The corner-window suits spent years and millions perfecting me under top-secret patent rights: How should he look? What ethnicity? How humorous should he be — and most importantly, how gay? What should we call him — this Homocorp Operational Wisecracking Auto-Robotic Droid. . . *HOWARD*! We'll call him *Howard*! He'll be the very latest in state-of-the-art technology, and anatomically correct in every way!

**Dear Howard,**

I'm extremely well-endowed, but I'm very ugly. Not just homely — ugly. Imagine Tori Spelling, and then imagine her after a sex change. Wallpaper curls in my presence. I'm telling you, I'm the invisible man whenever I go into a bar. The only way I can get anyone to remotely look at me is by standing at the urinal. Once in a while, I can pick up a size queen that way, assuming it's late and the bar's about to close.

Howard, I hate being labeled as that perv who never pisses. Isn't there some way I can decently bait a guy without having to pull out the pole?

***Ron***

Of course there is. It couldn't be simpler. Just walk up to a man of your choice, ask to buy him a drink and blithely say, "My name is Ron, but my friends all call me Tripod." Be sure to casually adjust your belt buckle when you say this.

### HAVE A QUESTION FOR HOWARD?

Do you have a question for Howard? Send e-mail to askhoward@txtnewsmag.com, or write to Ask Howard, P.O. Box 191362, Dallas TX 75219

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# Toons

## DEAR CHELSEA BOYS

BY

GLEN HANSON
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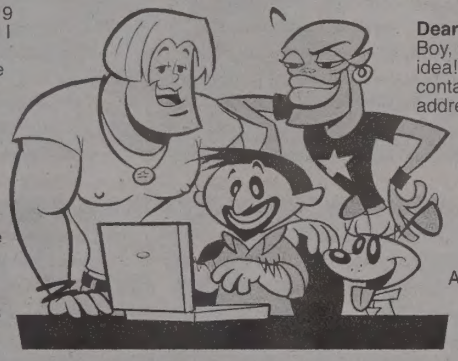
**Dear Chelsea Boys:**
Recently, I started dating someone from the circus. I know that carny folk have a reputation for being weird, but we've really hit it off. Will is a great guy, we have a lot in common, and things have started getting serious between us. The only problem is, his work takes him all around the world for about 9 months every year. Should I continue in a relationship with someone who's on the road so much? It would be sad to end it—the sex has been mind blowing, and I have to admit, I'd really miss his three penises.
**—Torn in Tuscaloosa**

**Dear Torn:** Honey, your boyfriend sounds like three times as much fun as anyone we've ever dated. We say, follow Willy's three willies wherever he pitches his tent!

**Dear Chelsea Boys:**
I'm a VGL, successful, forty-something Hollywood actor who's been married a few times, has children, and am deeply devoted to my religious beliefs. My dilemma is... I'm gay, but I can't tell anyone. I'm getting tired of living a lie, but I'm afraid that if I do come out, I might lose everything I've achieved. What should I do?
**—Closeted in California**

**Dear Closeted:** We know that coming out may seem like *risky business*, but you can't go through life with your *eyes wide shut*. Sooner or later, *a few good men* need to just grab a *cocktail* and stand with us *outsiders*. We say: just come out already—living openly doesn't have to be a *mission impossible*!



**Dear Chelsea Boys:**
My name is Orville, I'm an artist, and I live in Fish Haven, Idaho. I've been so inspired reading your adventures all these years, that I came up with my own idea for a comic strip! It's about three gay guys who live together in an apartment right in the heart of Fish Haven's most fashionable neighborhood, Chesterville. My main characters are Skip, a gorgeous, musclebound red-haired dude...Sassy, a jive-talking drag queen (the only black resident of Fish Haven)... and Norman, a short, hairy, dweeby guy and his little pug dog, Mr. Marmelade. I'm thinking of calling it "Chesterville Bois." I'm so excited and I can't wait to get started!!! Do you have any advice you can share with me?
**—Creative in Chesterville**

**Dear Asshole...uh, Orville:**
Boy, that sounds like a great idea! Thanks so much for contacting us with your home address. Just to show you how much we truly appreciate your creativity and originality, expect a visit very soon from a group of large, muscular gentlemen bearing some very special "advice" for you!

And that's about it for today, gang. Keep those pics and e-mails coming!

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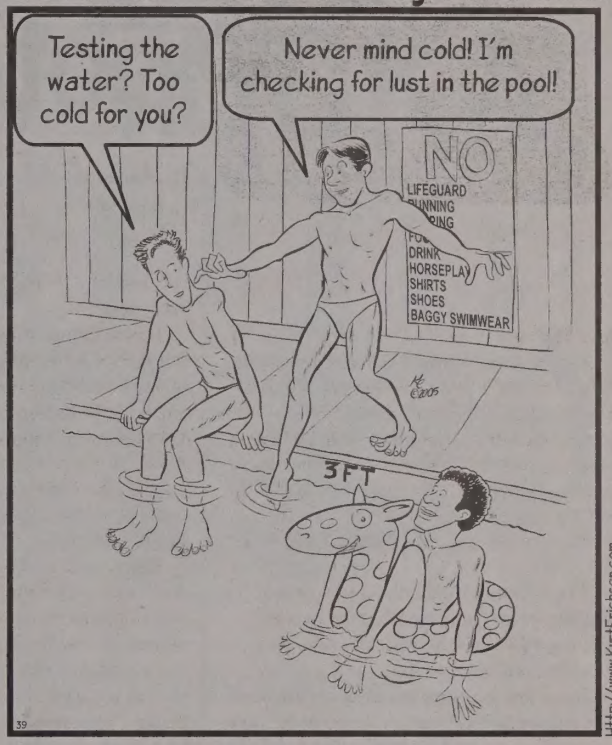
## GLiB Talk

By Kurt Erichsen

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August 5-11, 2005

# zodiac

Leo

**Mercury retrograding past the sun in Leo is so Norma Desmond: plans gone awry and that great line, "We didn't need words. We had faces!" Neptune opposes them, feeding confusion. Jupiter and Venus offer some harmony, but in weaker aspects. You may charm your way out of trouble, with some effort.**

### LEO — July 23-August 22
Be modest and self-effacing (just do your best). Expect rude surprises from your partner. Your big mouth could only make matters worse. If you need to get something off your chest, write it as poetry and share it with a friend.

### VIRGO — August 23-September 22
Your dreams should be especially interesting now and may even offer lucrative inspirations. Minor illnesses could be warnings of far worse ahead — unless you nip them in the bud. Nothing's too small to merit not looking into.

### LIBRA — September 23-October 22
Doing good is its own reward, but charity performed now will earn all kinds of extra points. If that's why you're doing it, your motivation will be called into question, so be sure to do something your heart is really into.

### SCORPIO — October 23-November 21
Involve colleagues in efforts to reorganize at work. This may seem likely to create problems, but actually will uncover already existing problems. Your boss may need some extra convincing, so have your evidence ready!

### SAGITTARIUS — November 22-December 20
Apologies and self-correction will actually help you shine at work for the foreseeable future. Despite a bit of confusion in the short run, the humility and honesty of the process will earn you great respect from your colleagues.

### CAPRICORN — December 21-January 19
Watch out for power struggles at work. Your natural flair for analyzing such games will help you unravel nasty little schemes and appear heroic in your solutions. Erotic temptations carry hidden costs. Don't let your libido hijack your brain!

### AQUARIUS — January 20-February 18
One would expect arguments to diminish sexual passions, but nowadays your love of debate could land you in thrilling situations! Yield points to an opponent in intellectual combat and you could win on the field of love.

### PISCES — February 19-March 19
Pay close attention to your health for a while. Moderate exercise — review and revise your routines! — and spas are helpful in keeping fit. Meditation is especially good for you now. If you don't need a doctor, play doctor!

### ARIES — March 20-April 19
Right now you can't seem to win at anything. Nevertheless, don't let that stop you from playing for funsies. You could be lucky in love, especially at a gym or a spa, if you can manage to be humble and self-critical.

### TAURUS — April 20-May 20
Domestic squabbles feed worries about your reputation and opportunities for advancement. One has nothing to do with the other, unless you make it a self-fulfilling prophecy. Artsy-craftsy activities help you keep perspective.

### GEMINI — May 21-June 20
Stay home and have fun with family or close friends. Going out and expressing your opinions will just get you in trouble. If you really need adventure, get a foreign or surrealist film, perhaps one by Cocteau or Jodorowsky.

### CANCER — June 21-July 22
Erotic adventures beckon this week, but will likely lead you to trouble. Keeping busy around your home and in the community will offer better opportunities for fun and provide helpful perspectives on current money troubles.

*Jack Fertig, a founding member of the Association for Astrological Networking, became a professional astrologer in 1977. He can be reached for consultations at 415-864-8302 or at Starjack.com.*

TV

By Steven Lindsey

# Going to pot

## *Weeds* brings together gays — and ganja

**ON AIR**
**Weeds**

Created by Jenji Kohan. With Mary-Louise Parker, Elizabeth Perkins and Kevin Nealon
Premieres on Showtime Sunday, August 7 at 10 p.m. with rebroadcasts throughout the week.

"You're such a brave widow."

Out of context, this line may seem sugary sweet and downright supportive. But delivered with the sarcastic venom Celia (Elizabeth Perkins) directs at Nancy (Mary-Louise Parker), the "compliment" sets the stage for what could become the greatest pairing of comic bitches since Patsy and Edina.

The vicious humor behind this single bit of dialogue perfectly sums up the overall dynamic of *Weeds*, Showtime's new 10-episode marijuanedy.

Resorting to selling pot after her husband dies unexpectedly, Nancy appears to be a typical suburban mom, but many of the residents in Argestic, Calif., know her dirty little secret — because they're all customers. Nancy's family of dope dealers is led with talk-to-the-hand sauciness by Heylia (Tonye Patano) whose claim to fame is being able to eyeball a perfect one-ounce bag of maryjane.

Then there's Nancy's rival drug dealer, Josh (Justin Chatwin, who nicely fills out a pair of tighty-whities), the son of a city councilman (Kevin Nealon). Josh's affair with an older man provides some juicy scandal as well as an opportune blackmail tool for Nancy in her quest to keep kids off drugs. (She *does* have morals.)

The community has its share of clueless, Harper Valley-esque prudes such as Celia, whose favorite accessory (besides a martini) is a pink, teddy-bear nanny-cam that she uses to spy on her children.

To be blunt, *Weeds* intoxicates on every level.

Despite all the cattiness, backstabbing and, well, *drug dealing*, the show treats the illegal activity of its main character with such matter-of-factness that it's no more intimidating than if Nancy were selling Tupperware. The ability to mine humor from the most mundane of activities is the mark of great writing. Without resorting to exaggerated subplots for laughs, creator Jenji Kohan breathes bong-y life into the sanitized suburbs with the sinister wit of *Desperate Housewives*.

If the entire series continues at the same level as the pilot episode, this little show could prove an even bigger guilty pleasure than an hour on Wisteria Lane. More importantly, it could mark the triumphant return of the premium cable comedy, considered comatose since the departure of *Sex and the City* and the downhill spiral that was *Fat Actress*.

It's 4:20. Do you know where *your* neighborhood soccer mom is?

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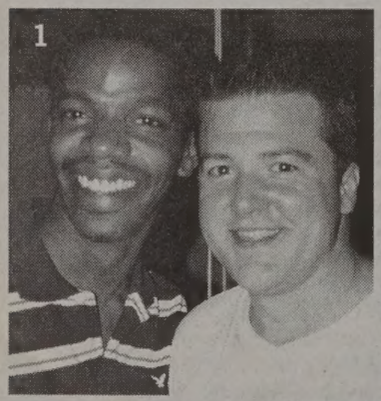
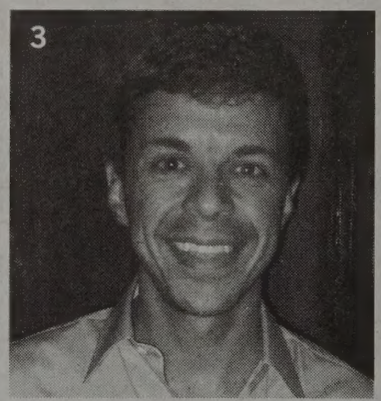
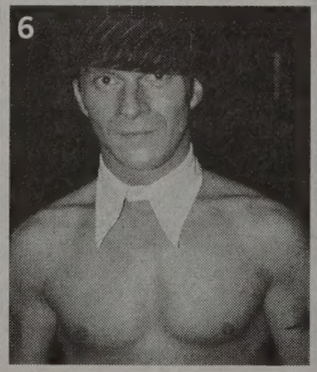
# ClubLand

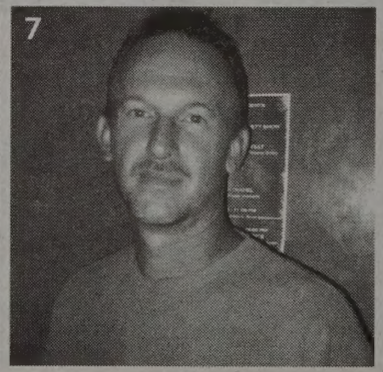
## dallas

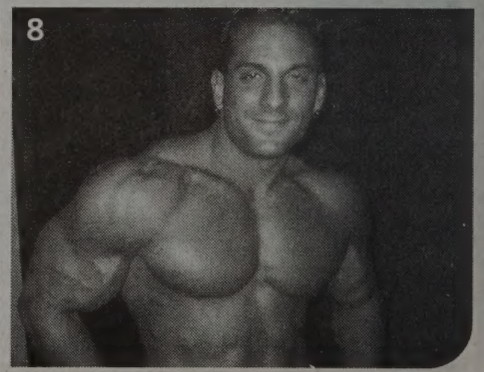
1. Steven and David at Bill's Hideaway. 2. Stephanie and Kala at Sue Ellen's. 3. Lee at Zippers. 4. Michelle and Dedra at Buddies II. 5. Nathan at Woody's Sports and Video Bar. 6. Scott at JR.'s Bar & Grill. 7. Greg at Mickey's. 8. Sergio at Station 4. **Photos by Barbera Barker and Gregory Hayes**

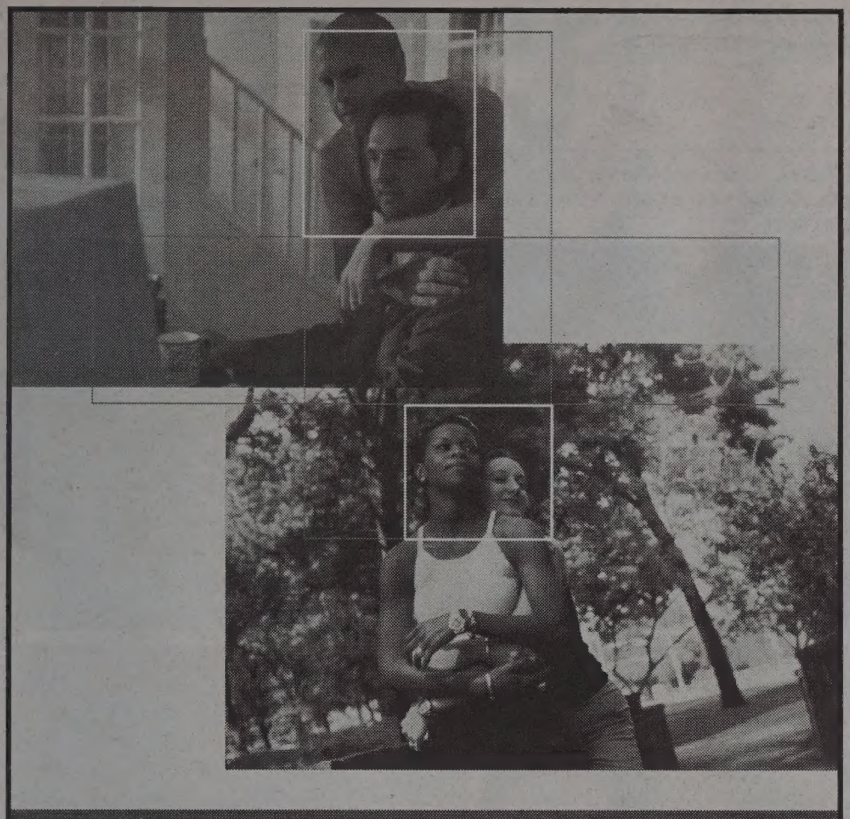








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## austin

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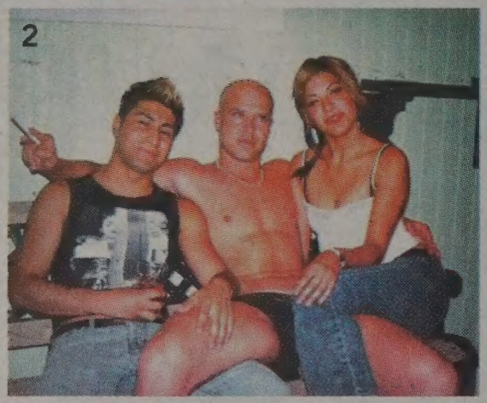

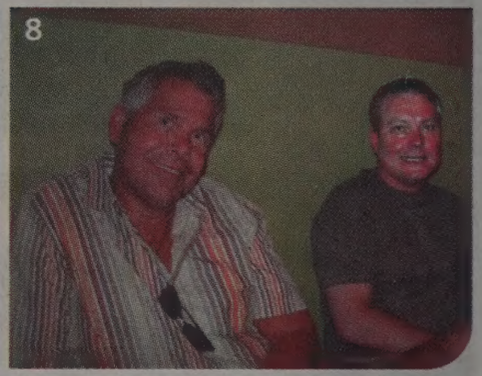



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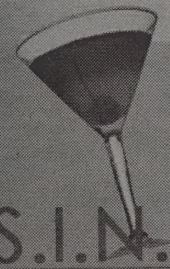

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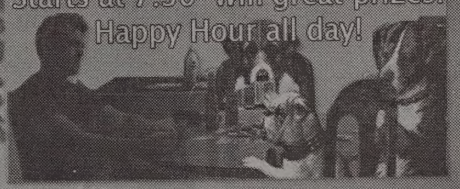

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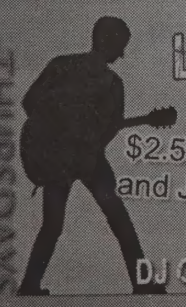

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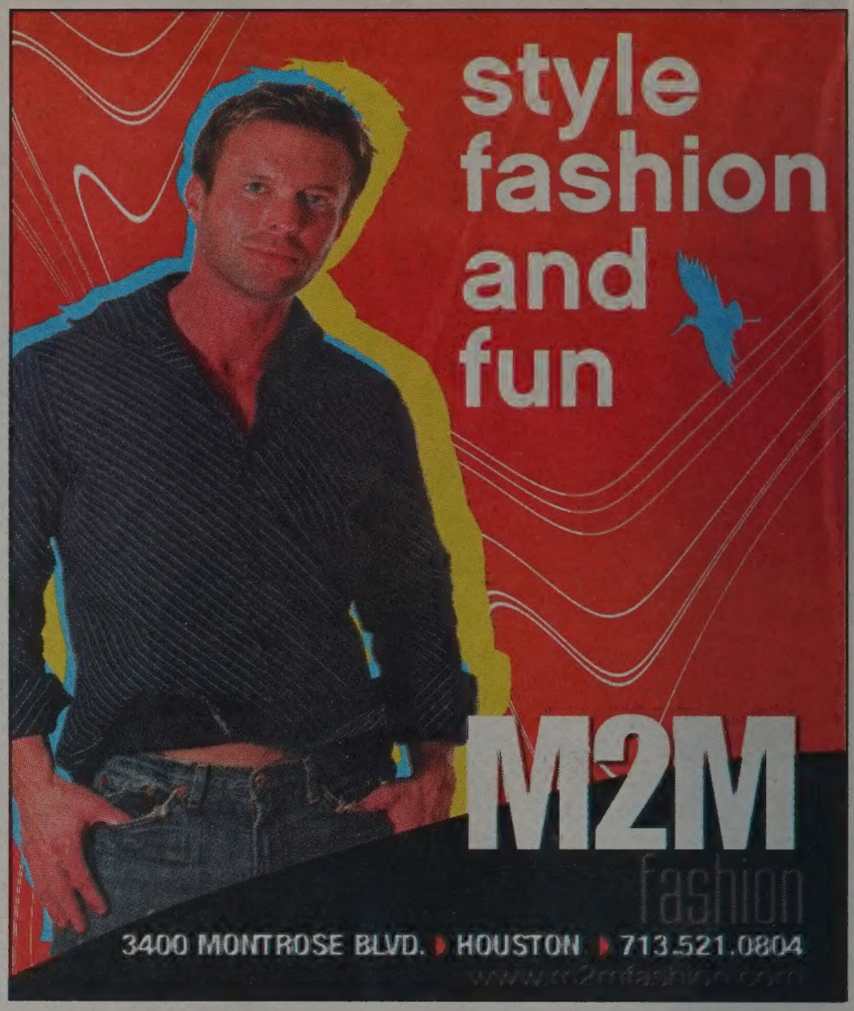

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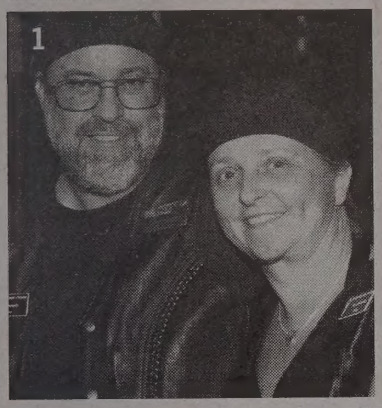


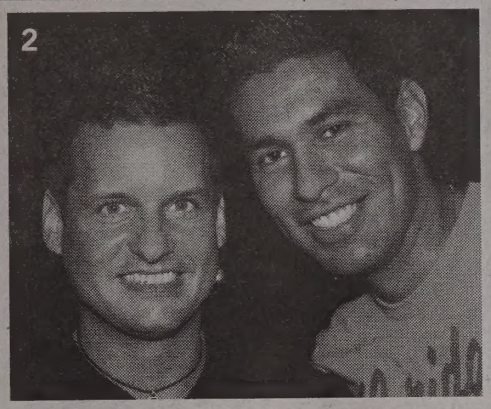


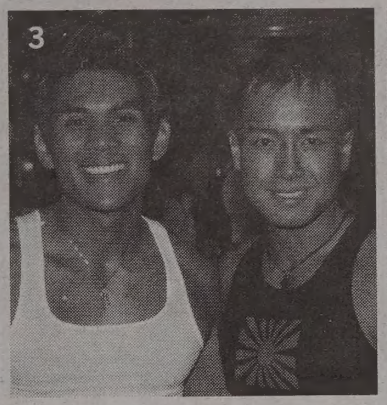

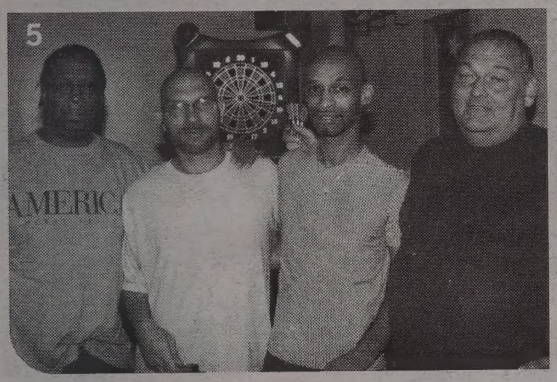


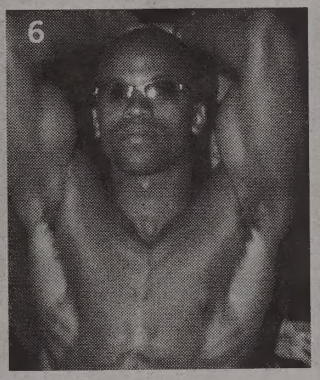


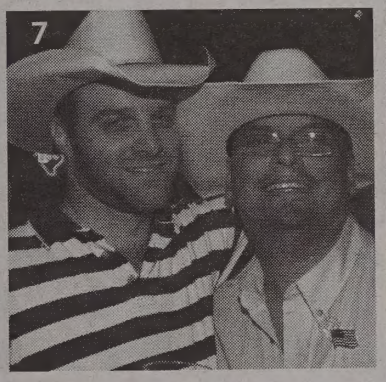


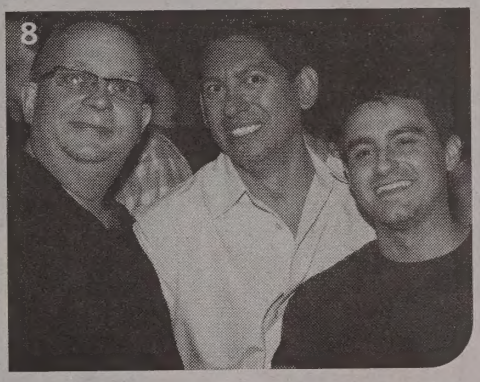


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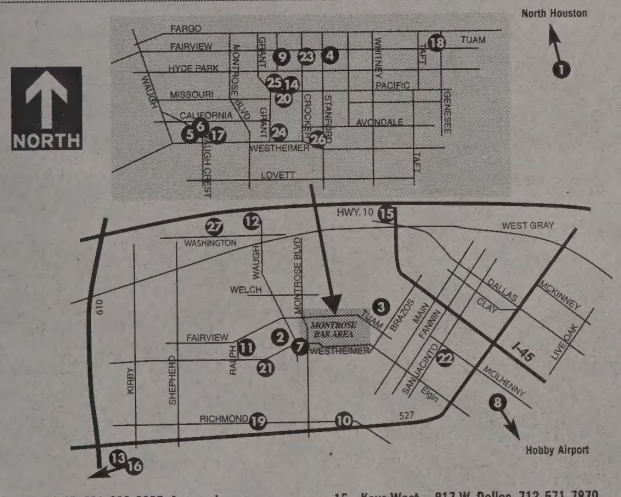


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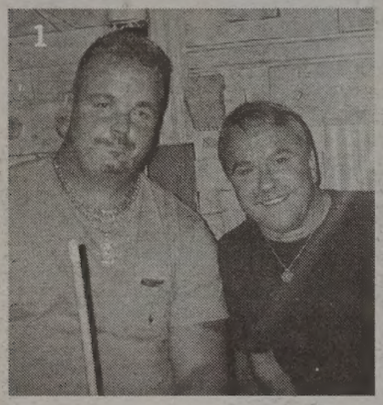


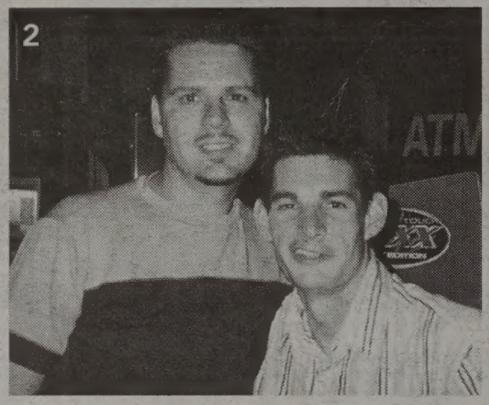


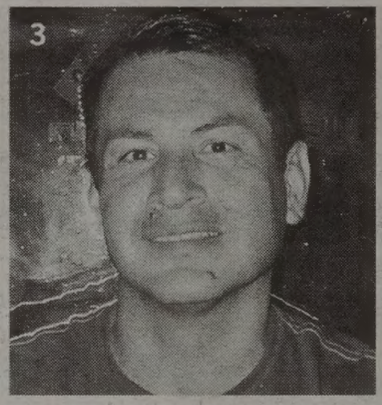


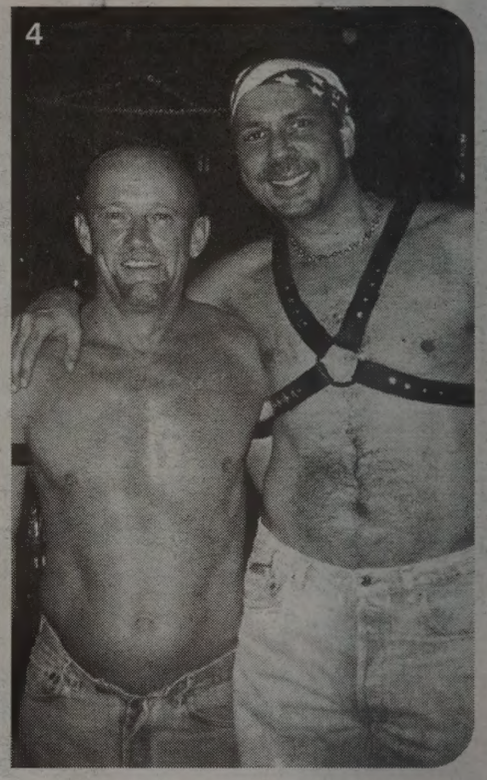


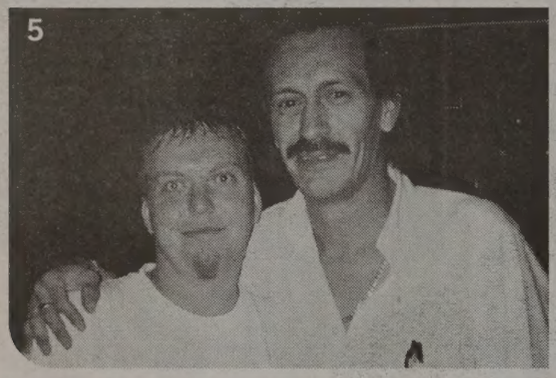


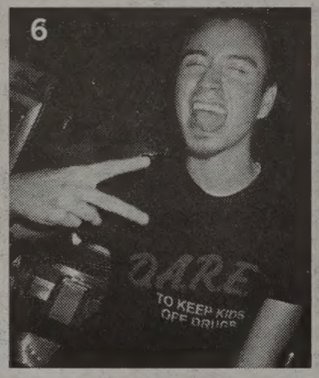


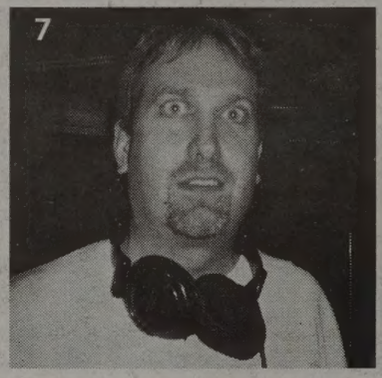


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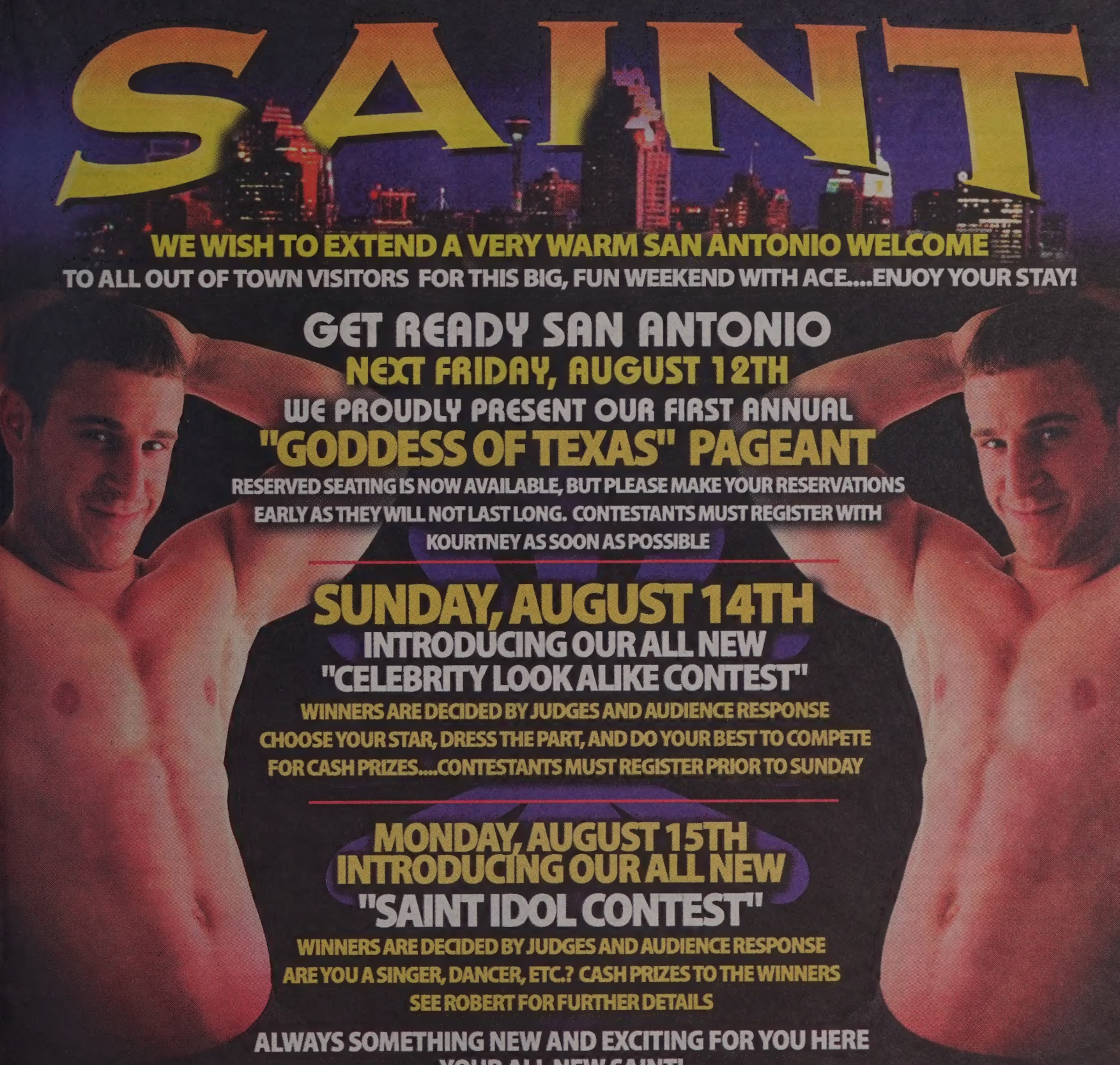

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214-521-5342
Ccgla.org
Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance
214-528-4233 Dgla.com
Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association
214-540-4460 Dglba.org
Dallas Transgender Alliance
Geocities.com/dtgalliance
Lambda Pride Toastmasters
972-365-0773
Lambdapride.com
Leadership Lambda Toastmasters
214-219-1908
National Coming Out Project
214-521-5342
Comeout.org
North Texas GLBT Chamber of Commerce
214-520-4488 PO Box 223564 75222
Northtexasglbtchamber.org
SMU Spectrum
People.smu.edu/spectrum
United Court of the Lone Star Empire
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/dallas.html
University of North Texas Ally Program
Unt.edu/ally
University of North Texas Lavender Circle
Orgs.unt.edu/lavendercircle

### HOUSTON

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation
713-520-1142
Houston Black Tie Dinner
Houstonblacktiedinner.org
Bunnies on the Bayou
Bunnies.org
Colt 45's, Inc.
713-526-6077
Colt45s.org
HATCH
713-529-3590
Hatchyouth.org
Diana Foundation
713-639-2000
Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History
713-227-5973 Gcam.org
Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce
713-523-7576
Ghglcc.org
Houston GLBT Community Center
713-524-3818
HoustonGLBTcommunitycenter.org
Houston Women's Group
713-529-8571
Houstonwomensgroup.com
Imperial Court of Houston
713-226-2220
Spacecityempire.org
Pride Committee of Houston
713-529-6979
Pridehouston.org
PWA Holiday Charities
713-526-4641
Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of Single Star
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/houston.html
Stonewall Lawyers Association of Houston
713-227-1717
Slagh.org

### SAN ANTONO

Royal, Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire
210-641-2986
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/sanantonio.html

## social

### AUSTIN

Austin Family Pride
512-682-6988
Austinfamilypride.home.att.net
Austin Gay Lesbian Leather Social
AustinGayLeatherSocial.org
Austin Latino Lesbian/Gay Organization
512-472-2001
Bisexual Network of Austin
512-370-9573 Main.org/binetaustin
Central Texas Boys of Leather
Ctbol.org
Heart of Texas Bears
heartoftexasbear.org
Heart of Texas Hoedowners
Hoedowners.org
Long Yang Club
Longyangclub.org/newsite/directory.htm
National Leather Association
512-703-8927
Prime Timers Austin
512-282-2861
Ptaustex@yahoo.com
Rainbow Rollerskaters
512-296-0381 Main.org/rainbowskate
SapphFire Group for Women
SapphFire.org
Screen Queens
Movies.groups.yahoo.com/group/screenqueens/
Texas Hill Country Faeries, Elves & Satyrs,
Groups.yahoo.com/group/thcfes/

## social

### DALLAS

Couples Metro Dallas
Couplesmetrodallas.com,
214-521-5342 x 1764
DFW BiNet
Dfwbi.net
Dallas Transgender Alliance
Geocities.com/dtgalliance
Dragonflies of Dallas
Dragonfliesofdallas.org
High Tech Happy Hour
Majordomo@list.ti.com
Prime Timers of Dallas Fort Worth
Primetimers-dfw.org
North Texas Radical Faeries,
Groups.yahoo.com/group/NTRadfae
SMU Spectrum
People.smu.edu/spectrum
Stonewall Professional & Business Association
214-521-5342 ext. 1721
Southern Ladies Under Tremendous Stress (S.L.U.T.S)
2701 Reagan, St., 214-521-5342 ext. 1720
United Court of the Lone Star Empire
Impcourt.org/icis/chapters/dallas.html
Women's Business Network
972-949-4355
Womensbusinessnetwork.org

### FORT WORTH

Meadowbrook Rainbow Neighbors
Meadowbrooknews@webtv.net
Rainbow GLBT Nurses
817-346-8314
Rainbownurses@sbcglobal.net
Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association
Tcgpwa.org
Trinity River Bears
Trinityriverbears.com

### HOUSTON

BiNet Houston
713-467-4380 Flash.net/~bihouse
Gays & Lesbians Organized by Orgullo
713-710-0268 Globohouston.org
Houston Big Men's Club
713-337-5833
www.houstonbigmensclub.com
Houston Prime Timers
713-867-3903 Primetimersww.org/houston
Rainbow Ranglers
Rainbowrangers.org
WIPSociety
281-564-0615 WIPSociety.net

### SAN ANTONO

Diversity Center
210-223-6106 Diversitycentersa.org
King Mary's Bridge Club
210-223-6106, Kingmary.org
San Antonio Prime Timers
830-980-8744,
Saprimetimer049@aol.com
Texas Tradition Cloggers
210-535-6155
Texastraditioncloggers.com

## spiritual

### AUSTIN

Affirmation (Methodist)
512-451-2329
First Unitarian Universalist Church
512-452-6168
Integrity Austin Episcopal
Geocities.com/austintegrity
Kingdom Seekers in Christ Jesus
512-322-0049, Whosoever.net
Lutherans Concerned
512-832-4159
MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks
512-291-8601, Mccaustin.com
Metropolitan Community Church of Austin
512-291-8601
Mishpachat Am Echad
512-451-7018
Tejas Web
Tejasweb.org
Trinity United Methodist Church
512-459-5835 Tumc.org
The Gathering Place Worship Center
7801 N. Lamar, Ste. F-25, 512-323-9501
GatheringPlaceWorshipCenter.org
Unity Church of Austin
512-447-7772
University Baptist Church
512-478-8559 ABCAustin.org

### DALLAS

Cathedral of Hope
214-351-1901
Cathedralofhope.com
Celebration Community Church
817-335-3222
Celebration-community-church.com
Christian Gays in Fellowship
817-446-1555
City Church
214-559-4021
Citychurchdallas.org
Community Unitarian Universalist Church
972-424-8989
Uuplano.org
Congregation Beth El Binah
214-521-5342 Bethelbinah.org
Crossroads Community Church
972-669-5777

## spiritual

### DALLAS

Dignity/Dallas (Catholic)
214-521-5342
Disciples of Christ
214-946-2184
Faith Community Church
972-530-3900
First Unitarian Church of Dallas
214-528-3990, Dallasuu.org
Le Renaissance Chapel
214-692-8442, Lerenaissance.com
MCC of Greater Dallas
888-212-4763, MCCGreaterDallas.org
Sanctuary of Love
214-520-2260
White Rock Community Church
214-320-0043, Whiterockchurch.org

### FORT WORTH

Agape Metropolitan Community Church
817-535-5002, Agapemcc.com
Jubilee Fellowship
214-520-3223, JubileeTX.org

### HOUSTON

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church
713-526-1017
Beringomega.org
Community Gospel Church
713-880-9235
Communitygospel.org
Congregation Beth Israel
713-771-6221
Congregation Mishpachat Alizim
866-841-9139
Mishpachat@onebox.com
Covenant Church
713-688-8830
Covenanthouston.org
Dignity/Houston
713-880-2872
Dignityhouston.org
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
713-526-5200
Firstuu.org
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
713-528-3269
Office@gracelutheran-houston.org
Maranatha Fellowship Metropolitan Community Church
713-528-6756
New Covenant Christian Church
713-984-5806
Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church of The Woodlands
281-298-2780
Northwoodsuu.org
Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
713-861-9149
Resurrectionmcc.org
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
713-528-6665
Ststephenshouston.org

### SAN ANTONO

Abundant Grace in Christ Jesus
210-445-5156
Dignity/San Antonio, St. Ann's Church
210-340-2230
First Unitarian Universalist Church
210-344-4695
LGBT Interweave
210-344-4695
MCC San Antonio
210-472-3597, Mccsa.org
River City Living Church
210-822-1121
Rcic@rivercitylivingchurch.org
Travis Park United Methodist Church
Travispark.org

## sports

### AUSTIN

Adventuring Outdoors
512-236-7176
Main.org/adventuring
Austin FrontRunners
512-473-8334, Frontrunners.org
Austin Gamblers Bowling League
512-647-7073
Austingamblers@yahoo.com
Austin Gay Softball
512-477-7116
Tx@hotmail.com
Austin Lonestars Rugby Club
512-796-0716
Lonestarsrugby.org
Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club
Austinnightflyers.org
Austin Tennis Club
Austintennisclub.com
Austin Valkyries Women's Rugby Club
Austinvalkyries.com
Fast Track
512-453-8878
Geocities.com/fasttrackrunners
Houston Fly Boys
www.houstonflyboys.com
Team Austin
512-447-6408
Texas Gay Rodeo Association
Tgra.org

### DALLAS

DFW Rainbow Skate
972-641-0661
214-478-2649

## sports

### DALLAS

Friday Night Out Bowling League
972-702-0058
Oak Lawn Soccer Club of Dallas
214-366-2565
Oaklawnsoccerclub.org
Team Dallas Aquatics
TeamDallasAquatics.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association - Dallas
214-346-2107 Tgra.org
Texas Twisters
972-993-2021 Texastwisters.org

### HOUSTON

FrontRunners
713-522-0899
Home.swbell.net/larathon/houfr.htm
Houston Area Women's Rugby Club
832-741-7125
Houstonrugby.org
Houston Invitational Tournament
Texasinvite.com
Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club
Roughnecksrugby.org
Houston Women's Softball League
713-502-5799
Lone Star Volleyball Association
713-717- 5782 LSVA.org
Montrose Soccer Club
Montrosesoccer.org
Montrose Softball League
713-867-3913
Montrosesoftballleague.com
OutSkate Roller Skate Club
281-933-5818
Dobie367@aol.com
Texas Gay Rodeo Association
713-523-7663 Tgra.org

## support

### AUSTIN

PFLAG-Austin
512-302-PFLAG
Pflag-austin.org
Out Youth
512-419-1233 Out@outyouth.org
Waterloo Counseling Center
512-444-9922 Waterloocounseling.org

### DALLAS

Gay & Lesbian Switchboard
214-528-0022
Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Support Network
972-669-5777 Glsendallas.org
Lambda AA
214-267-0222 or 214-887-6699
Lambda Group of Al-Anon
214-363-0461
Dallasal-anon.org
PFLAG Dallas
214-233-0977 Pflagdallas.org
Positively Young
972-283-0468
Pride Institute
817-404-2205 Prideinstitute.com
Purple Light Trans Support
Goldleopard.com/purple
Resource Center of Dallas
214-528-0144
Resourcecenterdallas.org
Youth First Texas
214-879-0400
Youthfirsttexas.com

### HOUSTON

Bering Support Network
713-526-1017 Beringumc.org
Community Awareness for Transgender Support (CATS)
281-203-3890,
Tghelp@yahoo.com
Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation
713-528-1748
Donaldrwatkins.org
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Houston
713-529 3211
Gayswitchboardhouston.org
Hollyfield Foundation
713-523-6900
Hollyfield.org
Kolbe Project
713-861-1800
Kolbeproject.org
Lambda Houston Alcoholics Anonymous
713-521-1243
Lambdahouston.org
Montrose Counseling Center
713-529-0037
Montrosecounselingcenter.org
PFLAG Houston
713-467-3524
Pflaghouston.org

### SAN ANTONO

Club Poz San Antonio
210-341-0133
ClubPozSAT@aol.com
Diversity Center Spectrum
210-223-6106 Info@glccsa.org
Diversity Center Transgender Support Group
210-223-6106
Christielee@glccsa.org
PFLAG San Antonio
210-655-2383
Pflagsanantonio@webtv.net

# commerce

## accommodations

### AUSTIN

A Summit House Bed & Breakfast — 1204 Summit, 512-445-5304, Summit.home.texas.net

Fairfield Inn & Suites — Mopac Blvd. at Braker Lane, 512-527-0734.

### DALLAS

Hotel Za Za — 2332 Leonard St., 214-468-8399, Hotelzaza.com.

The Melrose — 3015 Oak Lawn Ave., 214-521-5151, Melrosehoteldallas.com.

### HOUSTON

Gar-Den Suites — 2702 Crocker St. 800-484-1036 (code 2669).

Holiday Inn Select — 2712 S.W. Frwy, 713-523-8448.

The Lovett Inn — 501 Lovett Blvd., 713-522-5224, 1-800-779-5224.

Marriott Hotel Downtown Houston — 904 Dallas St., 832-366-1000.

Montrose Inn — 408 Avondale,713-520-0206, 800-357-1228.

### SAN ANTONIO

Arbor House B+B — 109 Arciniega, 210-472-2005.

Emily Morgan Hotel — 705 E. Houston St., 210-225-5100, Emilymorganhotel.com.

The Painted Lady Inn — 620 Broadway, 210-220-1092, thepaintedlady.com.

## attorneys

### AUSTIN

John Butler — 816 Congress Ave., #1100, 512-472-3887, johnbutler.com.

Bruce S. Fox — 404 West 13th Street, 512-444-4FOX, brucefox.com.

Martha Pitkin — 11782 Jollyville Rd., 512-219-4022.

Willie & Dasher — 1107 Nueces, 512-478-0834.

### DALLAS

Birdwell & Associates — Jerry Birdwell, Tim Menchu, 214-357-3311.

Frankel Douglas — 214-353-8033 dougfrankel.com.

Stewart Charles — 3500 Oak Lawn, 214-521-3804.

### HOUSTON

Peggy S. Bittick — 281-485-3500.

Calvin "CJ" Braun — 8100 Washington Ave., 713-880-3366.

Nechman, Simoneaux and Frye, PLLC — 713-227-1717, nsflaw.us.

Simon & Associates — 401 Studewood, 713-524-6000.

Walker & Patterson, PC — 4815 Dacoma, 713-956-5577.

Weisblatt & Associates — 2 Riverwat, 713-552-0686, weisblattlaw.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

Barry L. Efron — 10010 San Pedro Ave., 210-366-9676.

Carol Bertsch —1919 San Pedro Ave., 210-735-9911.

Michael W. White — 3737 Broadway, 210-821-5283.

Neil A. Calfas — 540 S. St. Mary's Street, 210-212-6969.

Pearsall Legal Services, PLLC — 11103 San Pedro, 210-340-8290.

## automotive

### AUSTIN

Austin Subaru — 200 West Huntland, 512-454-9489.

Charles Maund Volkswagen — 8400 Research, 1-800-440-1999, maund.com.

David McDavid Acura — 13553 Research Blvd., 512-335-5555.

First Texas Honda — 1301 W. Koenig Lane, 512-381-1333, firsttexashonda.com.

Gillman Subaru — 6809 South I-35, 512-444-6044.

Suzuki-Isuzu of Austin — (Jules Gollins) 4738 S. IH 35, 512-583-4000.

### DALLAS

Classic BMW — 300 N. Central Expy., 866-289-9999, classicbmw.com.

Freeman Mazda — (George Johnson), 1800 E. Airport, Irving, 972-438-2121.

## automotive

### DALLAS

John Eagle Honda — 5311 Lemmon Ave. 214-904-3247. EagleHonda.com.

Saturn of Mesquite — (Miki Holtz) 15900 I-635 at Oates. 1-800-723-0714.

### HOUSTON

Gillman Subaru Southwest — 10575 W. Sam Houston Pkwy., 713-776-6310.

Jeff Haas Mazda — (John Griffin) 11222 Old Katy Rd., 713-932-6004.

Jim Jard Auto Group — 26525 S.W. Freeway, 281-342-4200.

John Eagle Acura — (Pete Ramirez) 281-589-0600, johneagleacura.com.

Land Rover Houston — 7019 Old Katy Rd., 713-293-6100.

Mike Calvert Toyota — 2333 Loop 610 713-558-8100, mikecalverttoyota.com.

Planet Ford — 20403 Interstate 45 North, 1-888-251-9135.

Sterling McCall Toyota — (Alexis) 9400 Southwest Frwy., 832-816-5718.

### SAN ANTONIO

Benson Honda/Mazda — 9100 San Pedro, 210-34-1356, tombenson.com.

North Park Subaru — 210-308-0200.

Tom Benson Chevrolet/Isuzu — 9400 San Pedro, 210-341-3311, tombenson.com.

## entertainment, adult

### AUSTIN

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 7111 S. I-35, 512-442-5719.

Midtowne Spa Austin — 5815 Airport, 512-302-9696, midtowne-spa.com.

### DALLAS

Alternatives of New Fine Arts — 1720 W. Mockingbird, 214-630-7071.

Club Dallas — 2616 Swiss, 214-821-1990, the-club.com.

Midtowne Spa Dallas — 2509 Pacific, 214-821-8989, midtowne-spa.com.

Mockingbird Adult Video — 708 W. Mockingbird, 214-631-3003.

### HOUSTON

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 5819 Richmond, 713-780-1827.

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 10006 Gulf Frwy., 713-944-8111.

Adult Video Megaplexxx — 8100 I-45 North, 281-820-8999.

Club Houston — 2200 Fannin St., 713-659-4998, the-club.com.

Eros 1207 — 1207 Spencer Hwy., 713-944-6010.

Executive Adult Video Store — 14002 N.W. Frwy, 713-462-5152.

Midcity Video — 2043 Southwest Frwy., 713-522-3530.

Midtowne Spa Houston — 3100 Fannin, 713-522-2379, midtowne-spa.com.

Q Video — 1415 California, 713-522-4485.

### SAN ANTONIO

Alternative Clubs, Inc. ACI — 827 East Elmira, 210-223-2177.

Club San Antonio, 13900 Jones — Maltsberger, 210-545-2101.

Executive Club II — 402 Austin St., 210-299-1400.

## entertainment, gen.

### AUSTIN

Queerwaves Radio — Saturdays 4:30-6pm 91.7 FM KOOP, koop.org.

Zachary Scott Theatre Center — 512-476-0541, zachscott.com.

### DALLAS

Angelika Film Center — Mockingbird Lane 214-841-4700.

Magnolia Theater — 3699 McKinney Ave. at West Village, 214-520-0025.

### HOUSTON

After Hours — 713-526KPFT, www.kpft.org Saturday midnight - Sunday 4am

Alley Theatre — 615 Texas Ave., 713-228-8421, alleytheatre.org.

Angelika Film Center & Café — 510 Texas Ave., 713-333-FILM.

## entertainment, gen.

### HOUSTON

Greenway Theater — 5 Greenway Plaza, 713-629-5129, landmarktheatres.com

Houston Grand Opera — 713-228-OPERA, 1-800-626-7372.

Houston Symphony — 615 Louisiana St., 713-224-7575, houstonsymphony.org.

River Oaks Theatre — 2009 West Grey, 713-528-4608, landmarktheatres.com.

Theatre Under The Stars — 713-558-8887, tuts.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

Awesome Tickets — 120 Broadway, 210-226-5136.

Encore Video — 1031 North East Loop 410, 210-821-5345.

Majestic Theatre — 210-224-9600.

## health care

### AUSTIN

38th Street Pharmacy — 711 West 38th Street, C-3, 512-458-3784.

Dr. Jeanne Galloway, ND — 512-695-2342 4104 Medical Pkwy. #113.

Jay M. Erwin-Grotsky, LMSW-ACP — 512-451-7222.

Michael Escobedo, M.D. — 512-347-9794, lazrsmooth.com.

Michael F. Lessner, DDS — 2907 Duval Street near UT Campus, 512-472-5633.

Silva Psychiatric Care — 3101 Bee Cave Rd., #310, 512-327-3810, silvapsych.com.

Waterloo Counseling Center — 3000 South I-35, 512-444-9922.

### DALLAS

Advanced Facial Plastic Surgery — 3317 McKinney, 972-774-1777.

Advanced Skin Fitness — 3601 Routh St., SOTA Bldg., 214-521-5277.

Alan Maedgen, D.D.S. — 3838 Oak Lawn #177, 214-559-7266, Maedgensmiledesigns.com

Carole Ann Boyd, D.D.S. — 4514 Cole, Ste. 905, 214-521-6261. drboyd.net.

David Brand, M.D. — 801 N. Zang Blvd., 214-941-4000.

Dr. Mark Hayes — 3100 MacArthur, 972-258-6400, www.tylock.com.

Pride Institute — 817-404-2205 Pride-institute.com.

Southwest Infectious Disease Associates — 3801 Gaston, Ste. 300. 214-828-4702.

StatScript — 3818 Cedar Springs, 214-522-4006.

Stonewall Behavioral Health, Inc. — 3626 N. Hall, 723, 214-521-1278. 1-888-828-TALK.

Eugene Tseng, D.D.S. — 3003 Carlisle, Ste. 106, 214-855-0789.

Uptown Psychotherapy — 4144 N. Central Expwy, Ste. 520, 214-824-2009.

### HOUSTON

Chimney Rock Chiropractic - (Art Keller, DC) 3033 Chimney Rock, 713-781-3344.

Greenbriar Health — Patrick McNamara, MD, 4101 Greenbriar, 713-524-4837.

Holmes Chiropractic — (Randall Holmes, DC) 1235 N. Loop W., 713-862-2440.

Houston Department of Health & Human Services - 8000 N Stadium 713-794-9092.

Montrose Clinic — 215 Westheimer, 713-830-3000.

Montrose Counseling Center - 701 Richmond, 713-529-0037.

Skin Renaissance Laser Center — 106 Westheimer, 713-942-SKIN.

Bruce W. Smith, D.D.S. — 1006 Missouri Street, 713-529-4364.

Southwest Houston Women's Center - (Myrtle Oates, MD) —4747 Bellaire, 713-779-6626.

STAT Home Health Care — 711 Hyde Park Bd. 713-520-9997, www.stathomecare.com

Statscript Pharmacy — 3407 Montrose, 713-552-7373

Tony Carroll Psychotherapy — 1006 Missouri St., 713-529-4364.

### SAN ANTONIO

Bromley Medical Group — 3202 San Pedro, 210-732-5100.

CASA — (Yvonne J. Schilling, MS, LPC) 11230 West Ave., 210-203-2057, casa-sa.com.

Counseling Works — (Joan Wells, LPC) mooreworks.net/cw, 210-203-2057.

FFACTS Clinic — 507 North Leona, 210-358-3710.

Hill Country Psychotherapy Associates — 11118 Wurzbach Rd., 210-558-0409.

Anthony Rogers, Ph.D. — Alamo Heights, 210-227-6815.

Southtown Dental Group — 930 S. Alamo St., 210-227-0101

## insurance

### AUSTIN

Allstate – (Mike Ryals) 12174 N. Mopac Blvd., 512-490-0011.

W. Chad Ballard — (Met Life Auto & Home) 8303 N. Mopac #A100, 512-795-1054.

### DALLAS

A-Affordable Insurance — 4003 Lemmon Ave., 214-522-1702.

Allstate — (RJ Muszynski) 4032 Cedar Springs Rd., 214-521-2212.

Allstate — (Peter Fisher) 5934 Royal Lane, Ste. 252, 214-361-9870.

Steven Graves Insurance — 3500 Oak Lawn, Ste. 270, 214-599-0808.

The Swartz Agency — (Farmers) 111 S. Story, Irving, 972-258-0922.

### HOUSTON

Allstate Insurance — 13231 Champion Forest Dr., 281-895-8181.

Dale Englefield — (Farmers) 888-439-1700.

Elijah Kabalka (Farmers) — 6575 W. Loop South., 713-661-7700.

Rob Schmerler - 6575 W. Loop South, 713-661-7700, schmerleragency.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

Parker Insurance — (Progressive) 210-649-2111, 1-866-649-2111.

## real estate

### AUSTIN

Barnes Jennie — 512-917-4746, moreland.com.

Bollew Scott (Fresh Perspective Lending Team) — 512-328-2225, freshperspectivelending.com.

Copper Eric — 512-350-3921, EricCopper.com.

Nelson Julie (Keller Williams) — 512-848-5881, thenelsonproject.com.

Presidio Group Realtors — (Ron Redder) 512-657-8674, presidiogroup.com.

Re/Max Downtown — (Geroge W. Hughes) 115 W. 8th St., 512-940-4894.

Tebbetts Eric (2K Mortgage) — 2700 Bees Caves Rd. #120 — 512-306-1616, 2kmortgage.com.

### DALLAS

Baird Stotle — (Dallas Intown) 214-265-5893, dallasintown.com.

Dream Home Realty — Ray Ortiz, 5151 Belt Line Rd. #610, 214-923-4818.

Hewitt & Habgood — (Coldwell Banker) 214-752-7070.

Master Realtors — 4235 Cedar Springs. 214-902-9999, masterrealtors.com.

Morris & Moore — (Coldwell Banker) 972-588-8163.

Shelter Mortgage — 2605 Routh. 214-365-0708.

Surrealty — 3615 N. Hall 214-520-2020 surrealtyhomes.com.

Virginia Cook Realtors — 2626 Cole, 214-292-0000, virginiacook.com.

### HOUSTON

Tim Anthony — Realtor 713-528-7703.

Coldwell Banker — (Rae Lynn White) 713-598-4097.

Keller Williams — (John Buchanan) 832-969-4352.

Partridge Properties (Todd Partridge) — 3230 Yoakum, 713-528-1184, toddpartridge.com.

### SAN ANTONIO

Amberstar Properties — 210-614-7818, amberstarproperties.com.

Timothy DeWein — (Keller Williams) 12500 San Pedro210-842-8452, dewein.com.

King William Realty — 210-225-0009, king-wmrealty.com.

Rainbow Real Estate — (Nancy Russell) 210-860-6092, 1-888-GAY-MOVE.

Hagan Retzloff — 210-286-8032.

Randy Rice — (Keller Williams) 210-844-0102, randyrice.com.

## restaurants

### AUSTIN

Brick Oven Restaurant — 1608 West 35th Street, 512-453-4330.

Carmelo's Ristorante — 504 East 5th Street, 512-477-7497.

Frank & Angie's Pizzeria — 508 West Ave., 521-472-3534

Gelato's — Crossroads Shopping Center, Burnet & Research Blvd., 512-371-9858

Kerbey Lane Café — 12602 Research Blvd., 512-258-7757, kerbeylanecafe.com.

## restaurants

### AUSTIN

Hickory Street Bar & Grill — 800 Congress Ave., 512-477-8968.

Hut's Hamburgers — 807 West 6th Street, 512-472-0693

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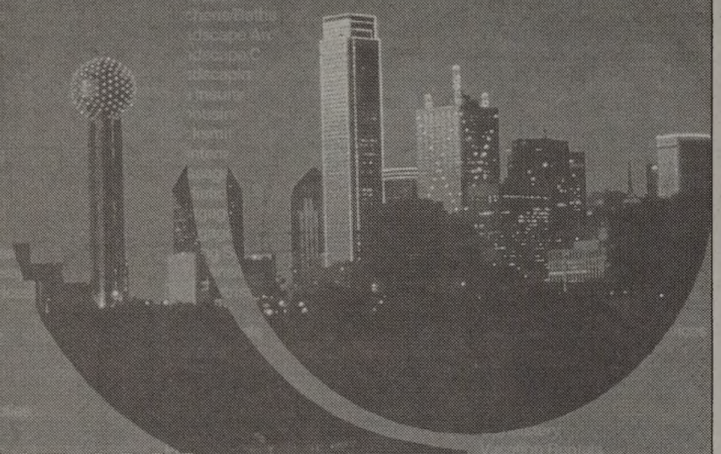

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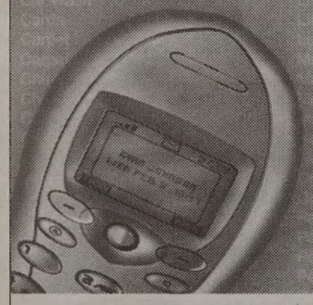

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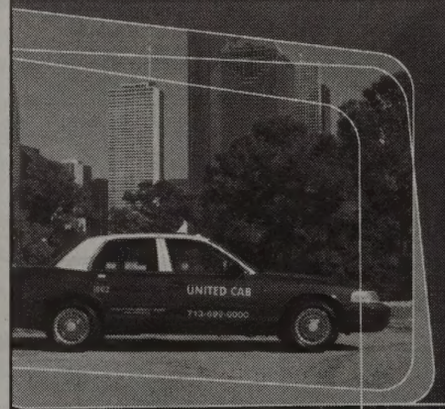


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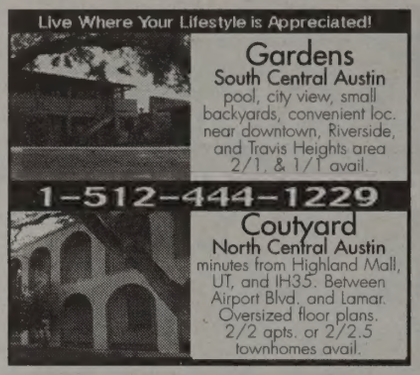
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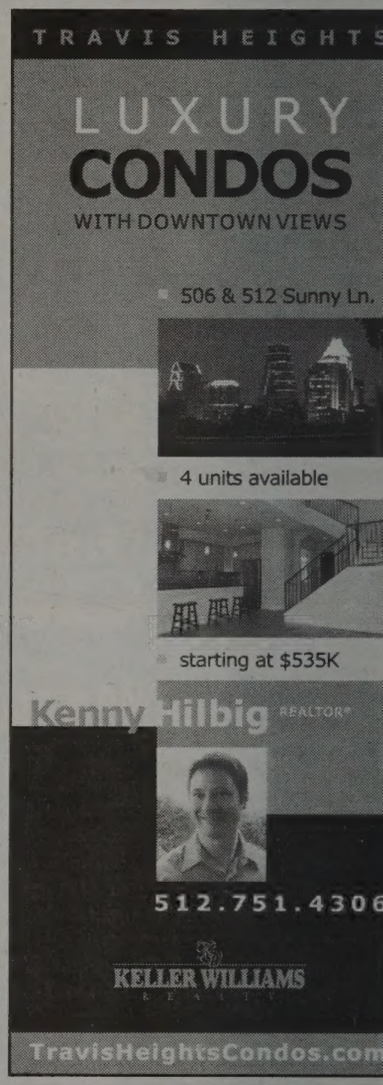


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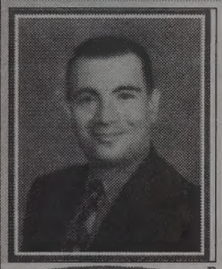

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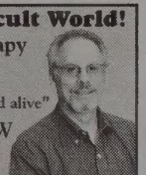

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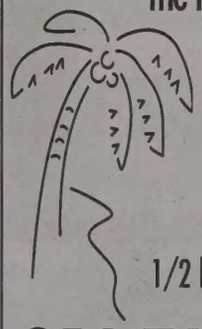

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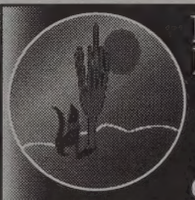

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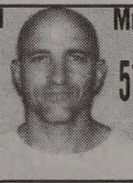

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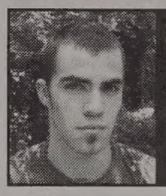

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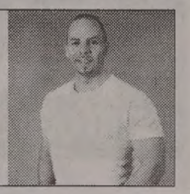

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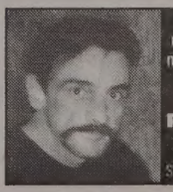

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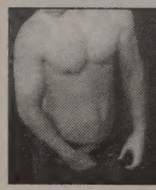

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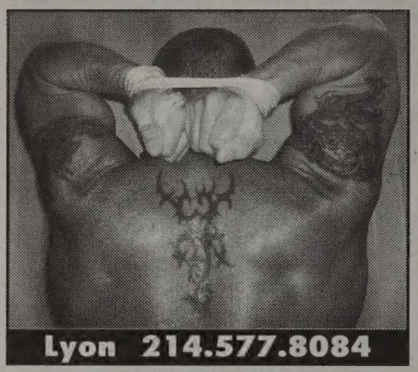

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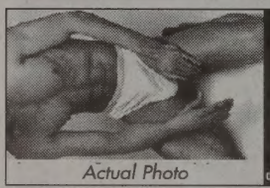

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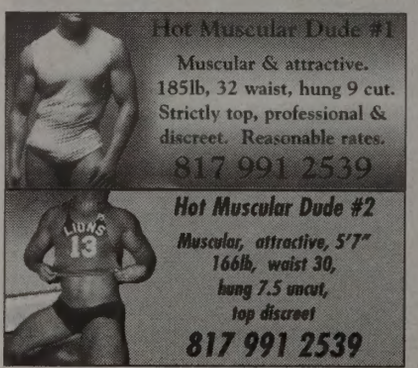

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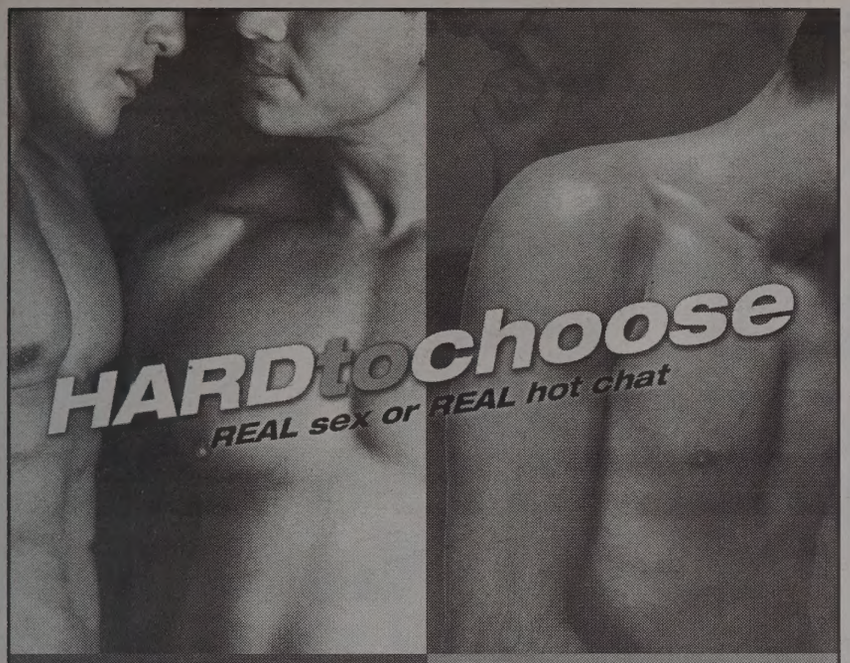


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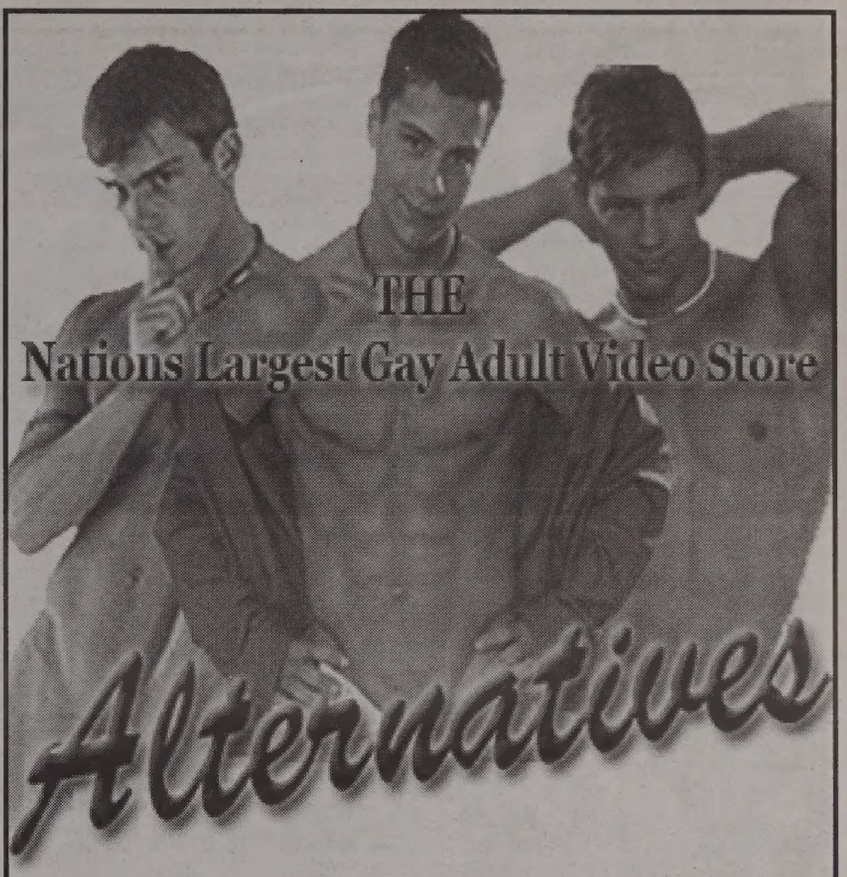


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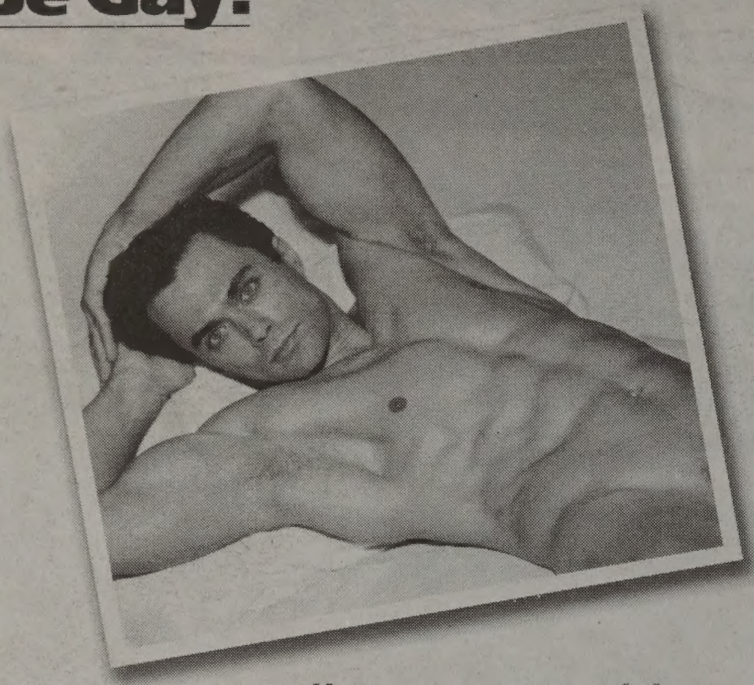

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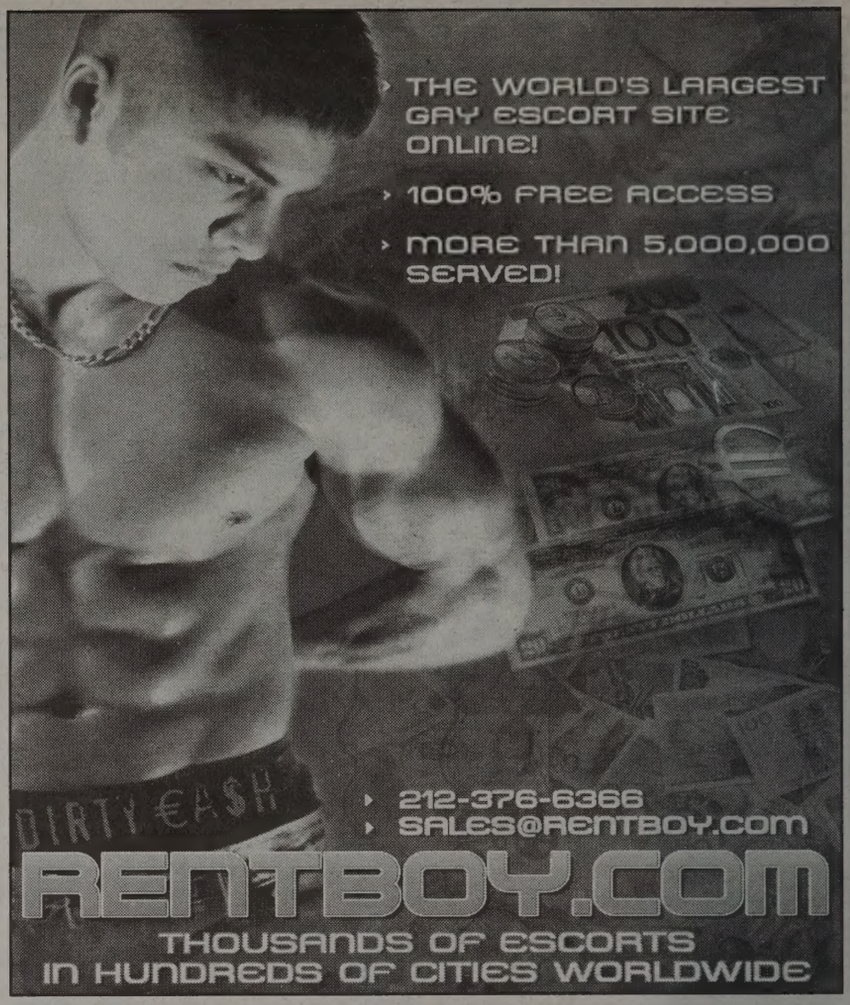


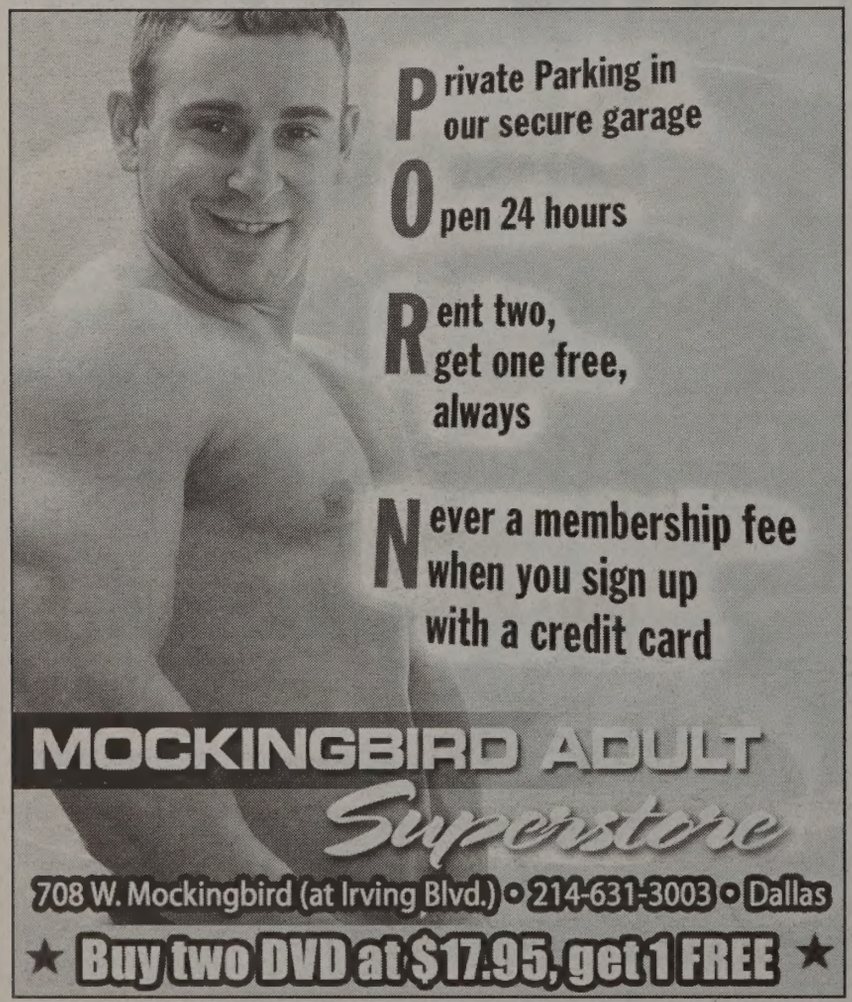
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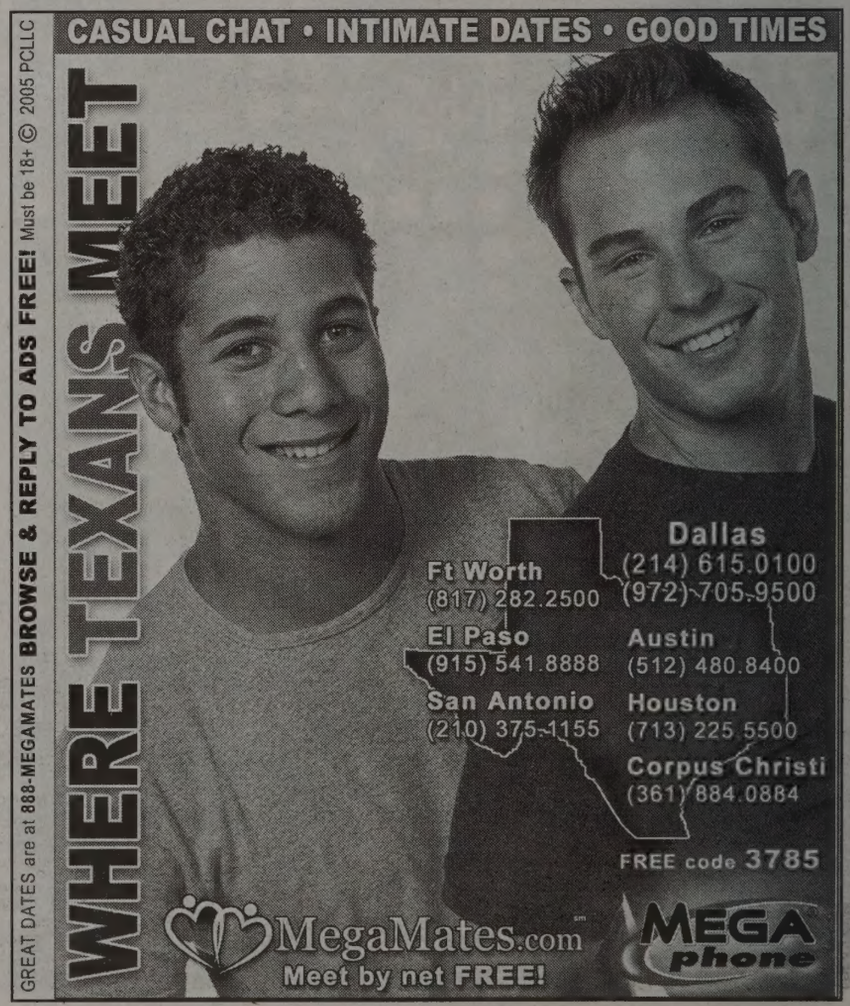
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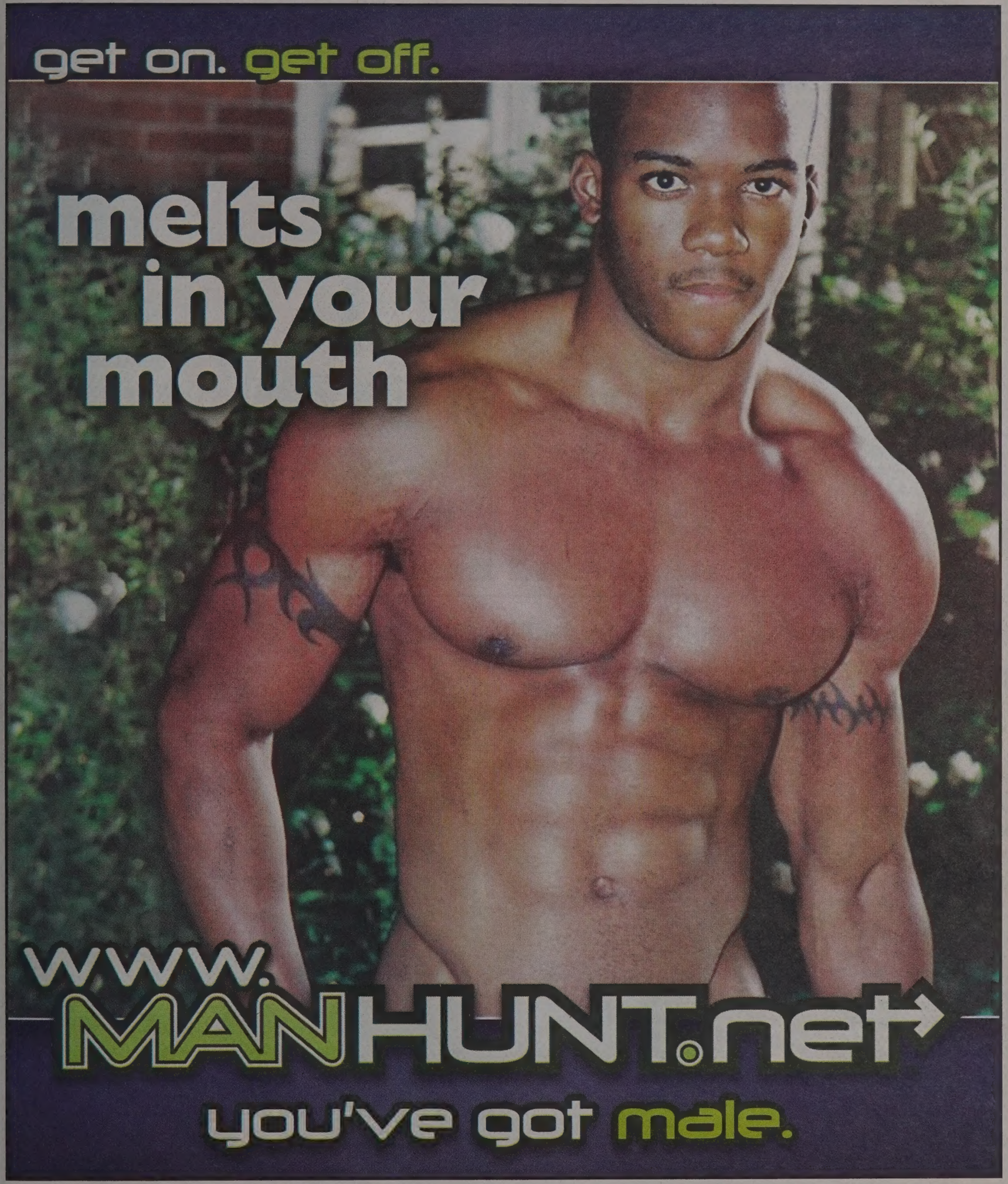
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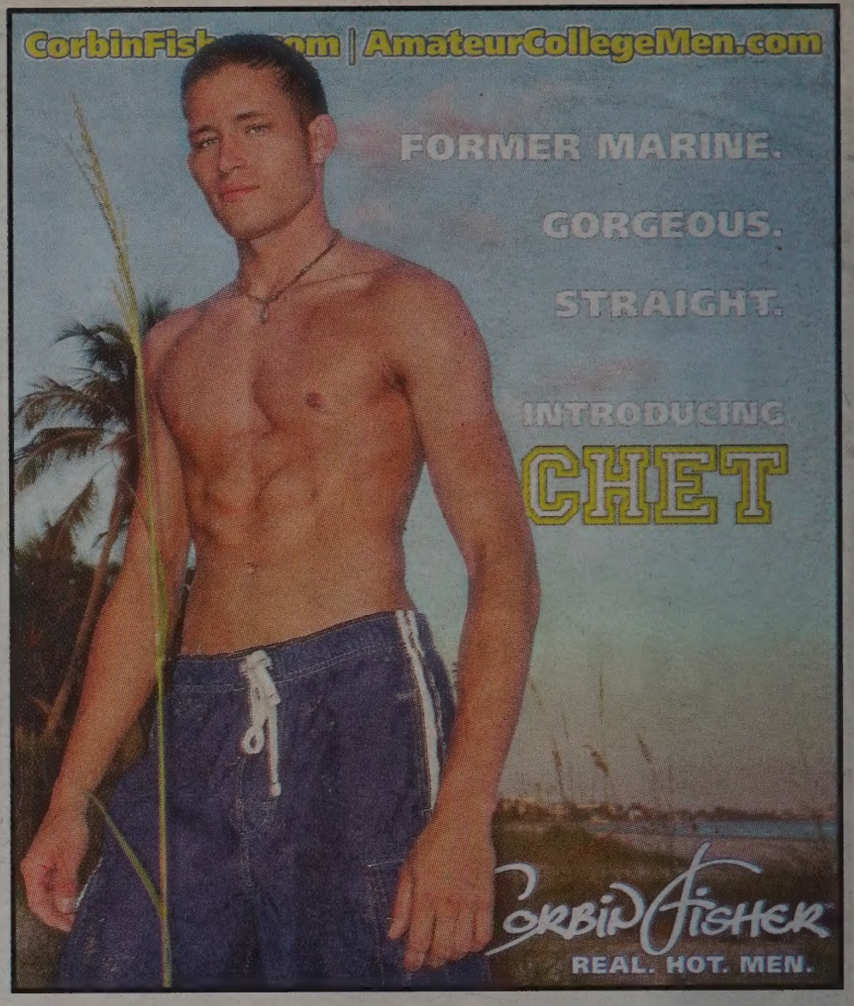


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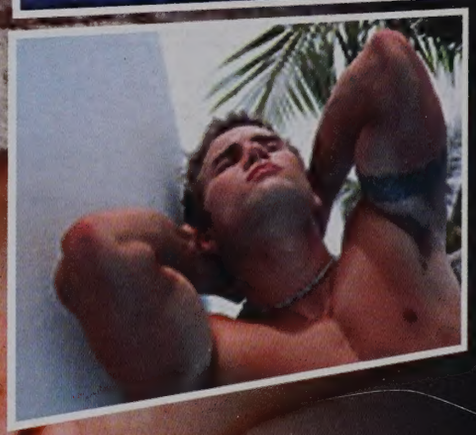

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